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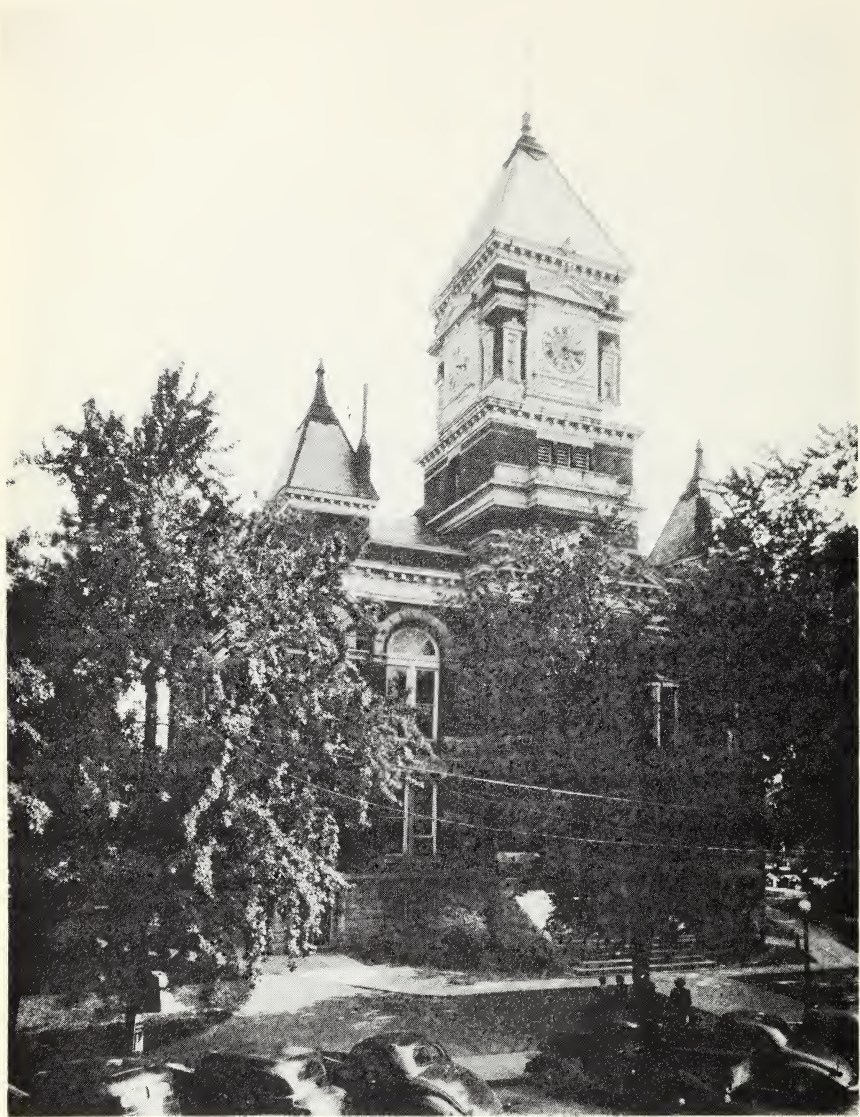
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FOREWORD

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The Inventory of County Archives of Indiana is one of a number of bibliographies of historical materials prepared throughout the United States by workers on The Historical Records Survey of the Works Progress Administration. The publication herewith presented, an inventory of the archives of Greene County, is number 28 of the Indiana series.

The Historical Records Survey was undertaken in the winter of 1935-36 for the purpose of providing useful employment to needy unemployed historians, lawyers, teachers, and research and clerical workers. In carrying out this objective, the project was organized to compile inventories of historical materials, particularly the unpublished government documents and records which are basic in the administration of local government, and which provide invaluable data for students of political, economic, and social history. The archival guide herewith presented is intended to meet the requirements of day-to-day administration by the officials of the county, and also the needs of lawyers, business men, and other citizens who require facts from the public records for the proper conduct of their affairs. The volume is so designed that it can be used by the historian in his research in unprinted sources in the same way he uses the library card catalog for printed sources.

The inventories produced by The Historical Records Survey attempt to do more than give merely a list of records—they attempt further to sketch in the historical background of the county or other unit of government, and to describe precisely and in detail the organization and functions of the government agencies whose records they list. The county, town, and other local inventories for the entire country will, when completed, constitute an encyclopedia of local government as well as a bibliography of local archives.

The successful conclusion of the work of The Historical Records Survey, even in a single county, would not be possible without the support of public officials, historical and legal

specialists, and many other groups in the community. Their co-operation is gratefully acknowledged.

The Survey was organized and has been directed by Luther H. Evans, and operates as a nation-wide project in the Division of Women's and Professional Projects, of which Mrs. Ellen S. Woodward, Assistant Administrator, is in charge.

Harry L. Hopkins
Administrator

PREFACE

The survey of local public records in Indiana was instituted on February 19, 1936, as a part of a nation-wide undertaking under the supervision of Dr. Luther H. Evans. Samuel J. Kagan, State Archivist of the Indiana History and Archives Division of the State Library, was assigned to lead the project as State Director. In the beginning the Survey was closely associated with the Writers' Project. On September 23, 1936, The Historical Records Survey was nominally as well as factually made independent of the Writers' Project. In general, it has from its very inception acted as a separate and independent unit of Federal Project No. 1.

The inventory proper is preceded by a number of introductory essays to enlighten the reader concerning facts and events forming the background and basis of the records. The entries for the record series are carried in consecutive numbering for the county. The bureaus are arranged in functional order: Governing boards; major administrative offices; judicial offices; and financial, election, educational, health, public welfare, engineering, and other groups. Whenever applicable, natural groupings under separate headings are made within the bureau, and the entries are arranged thereunder also according to functional sequence. An extensive index will aid the reader to locate records with a minimum of inconvenience and effort.

The field work of the survey of Greene County records was begun on May 10, 1936, under the district supervision of John R. Milligan. The field workers were Nema Holsapple, Maude Craig, and Robert Buckner, all of Bloomington. It was completed on July 15, 1936. Many visits, however, have since been made by revisers to the county courthouse to check and recheck the information contained therein, the final recheck having been made by Claude Malott and Vivian Merideth of Bedford in December 1937.

The editing of this inventory has been conducted by an editorial staff of some twenty men and women, whose labors we deeply appreciate and wish to recognize forthwith: Harry A.

Rider, Editor-in-Chief, and John R. Milligan, Associate Editor, under whose supervision the final manuscript was prepared for publication; Frank E. Ross, historical research; and Fred E. Knodle, drawing the chart and floor plans. The compiling of data and preliminary editing of entries was done by Marshall Cowgill, Charles B. Ellwood, and Marjorie Merrill, under the supervision of Canis E. Brockway, Field Editor. The housing report was compiled by Richard I. Nation.

The original survey was made at the record depositories and carefully checked and compiled in the form of this inventory in the state editorial office. Of the industrious and painstaking devotion to his task of each and every person who had a part in the survey we are keenly aware, and we regret that we cannot commend by name the services of all who have contributed to the publication of this volume.

The Survey is indented to county officials; to the State Works Progress Administration; to John K. Jennings, State Administrator; to Kenneth E. Lancet, Acting Director of Women's and Professional Projects, who has rendered the survey a great personal service in the administering of the project; to Mr. Herbert P. Kenney, Acting Director of the Legislative Bureau, who placed the facilities of the bureau at our command at all times; and to Dr. Christopher B. Coleman, Director of the Historical Bureau, who has given technical service to the project and has helped in preparing this volume for publication.

Five hundred copies of this volume have been printed. Copies have been distributed without charge to state libraries, to various governmental offices, and other depositories. The remainder are for sale through the Indiana Historical Bureau, the proceeds to be used for the publication of similar material.

Samuel J. Kagan

State Director, The Historical Records Survey

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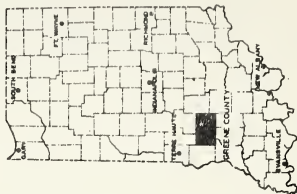
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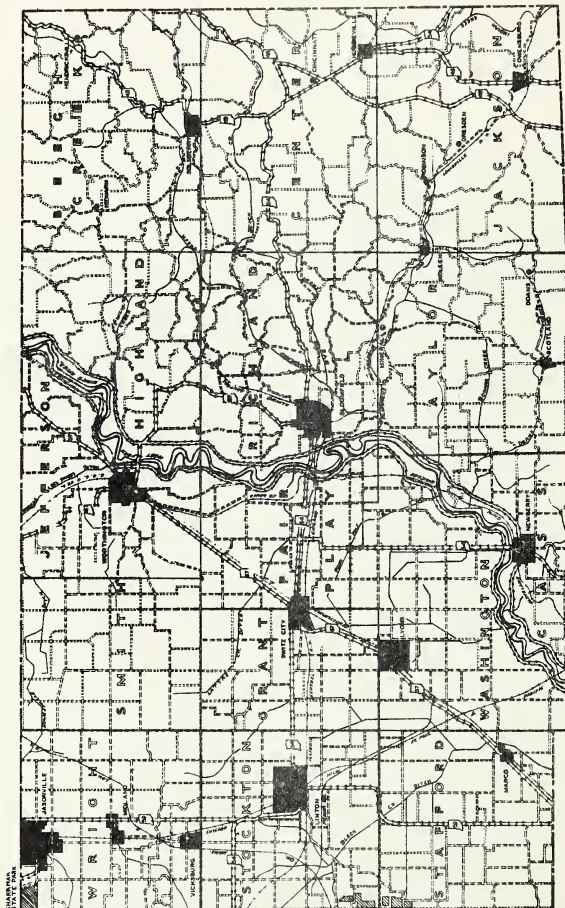
GENERAL PLAN GREENE COUNTY

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- DIRT ROADS
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PART A. GREENE COUNTY AND ITS RECORDS SYSTEM

1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

Greene County, lying about seventy miles southwest of Indianapolis, is one of the largest counties in Indiana in size. In shape the county is rectangular—thirty miles east and west, eighteen miles north and south—with a projection of Knox County at the southwest corner, a strip one-half mile north and south and six miles east and west. The county has an area of 543 square miles, or 347,520 acres. It is bounded on the north by Clay and Owen Counties, on the east by Monroe and Lawrence, on the south by Martin, Daviess, and Knox, and on the west by Sullivan.¹

Drainage and Topography

The West Fork of the White River flows through the middle of the county in a southwesterly direction. West of the river the land is comparatively level, with an average altitude of 500 feet above sea level. The eastern half of the county is more rolling, averaging 700 feet above sea level. The highest point in Greene County of Cincinnati, a village in Center Township, with an altitude is 880 feet above sea level. This is also the highest point of any county immediately adjacent to Greene—by nearly 200 feet.²

Eastern Greene County is drained by a number of creeks flowing into the West Fork: Jack's Creek, Goose Creek, Doan's Creek, and Richland Creek—with its tributary, Plummer Creek. The southeastern corner of the county is traversed by Indian Creek, flowing into the East Fork of the White River. In the

¹ George Pence and Nellie C. Armstrong, *Indiana Boundaries: Territory, State and County*, 406-07 (*Indiana Historical Collections*, vol. 19). Indiana State Planning Board, *Preliminary Survey of County Planning Problems in Indiana Counties* (typewritten, 1935-36), Greene County section. *Year Book of the State of Indiana for the Year 1936* (1937), 879.

² W. B. Van Gorder, "Geology of Greene County," *Indiana Geological Report*, 1935, pp. 240-42.

western portion of the county Latta's Creek and Eel River—with its tributary, Lemon's Creek—flow into the West Fork. Eel River enters that stream at Worthington. Water from the western marshes is discharged into the West Fork through the medium of state ditches.³

Early Indiana

First occupied by the red men, the Ohio Valley became the battleground of two great colonial powers, each with savage allies. The French entered the valley from New France and from Louisiana. The British fur traders, chiefly from Pennsylvania, pushed westward hundreds of miles beyond the settlers' frontier. France erected three important trading posts in Indiana: first, about 1715, "Post Miami" (Fort Wayne), at the head of the Maumee; second, about 1719 or 1720, a fort at Ouiatanon, on the Wabash, at the mouth of the Wea River, near Lafayette; and finally, before March 1733, a fort at Vincennes, on the lower Wabash.⁴ In the clash of empires (King George's War and the French and Indian War), France was defeated and forced, in 1763, to cede New France and all lands east of the Mississippi to Great Britain.

During the American Revolution, General George Rogers Clark conquered the western country in 1778 and 1779, and the Virginia legislature, at the session beginning in October 1778, erected the County of Illinois for the government of Virginia citizens residing on "the western side of the Ohio."⁵ After the Revolution the Ohio Valley was claimed by several of the colonies, who finally ceded their claims to the United States. By the Ordinance of 1787 Congress created the Northwest Territory for the government of the western country.⁶

A few months after the establishment of territorial government, Knox County, comprising Indiana and parts of Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Illinois, was created (1790).⁷ White

³ *Ibid.*

⁴ P. G. Roy, *Sieur de Vincennes Identified* (Indiana Historical Society Publications, vol. 7, no. 1). O. J. Craig, *Ouiatanon* (Indiana Historical Society Publications, vol. 2, no. 8). P. C. Phillips, "Vincennes in its Relation to French Colonial Policy," *Indiana Magazine of History*, December 1921.

⁵ W. W. Henning, editor, *The Statutes at Large . . . of Virginia*, 9:552.

⁶ C. E. Carter, editor, *The Territorial Papers of the United States*, 2:39-50. Laws N. W. Terr., 1788-1800, pp. 123-30. John G. Rauch and Nellie C. Armstrong, *A Bibliography of the Laws of Indiana, 1788-1927*, introduction.

⁷ William H. Smith, editor, *The St. Clair Papers*, 2:166n.

settlers swarmed into the west. Indiana became a territory in 1800 and a state in 1816.

The lands of Greene County belonged mostly to the Piankashaw tribe—one of the constituent tribes of the Miami Confederacy, which had been formed to defend the Ohio Valley against the murderous raids of the Iroquois. The Mitchell map of North America, drawn in 1755, shows the Piankashaw dwelling on both sides of the Wabash, including western Greene County. Subsequently the Miami permitted certain affiliated tribes to dwell upon Miami lands. Among these tribes were the Delawares, some of whom occupied Greene County. Eventually, by the treaty of Fort Wayne, September 30, 1809, the Miami were constrained to "explicitly acknowledge the equal right of the Delawares with themselves to the country watered by the White river. But it is also to be clearly understood," the treaty states, "that neither party shall have the right of disposing of the same without the consent of the other."⁸

The earliest purchase of Greene County lands occurred in 1775. In that year, Louis Viviat, agent for Wabash Land Company bought from the Piankashaw all of what is now Greene County. The outbreak of the American Revolution prevented the association from occupying their lands. During the Revolution, Congress, although frequently petitioned to do so (1780-1782), declined to recognize the Viviat land claims.⁹

The New Purchase

By the treaty of Greenville, August 3, 1795, delineating the boundary between the Indian tribes and the United States, most of Indiana was reserved to the savages for their hunting grounds. Almost at once, however, the United States Government began constricting the lines of the Indian country, a policy that reached its consummation in what was called the "New Purchase" in 1818. By the treaties of St. Mary's, October 3 and 6, of that year, the Delaware and Miami tribes yielded the lands between the Wabash and earlier acquisitions along the Ohio.¹⁰ No treaty was made with the Piankashaw. The tribes

⁸ "Treaties Between the U. S. and the Indian Tribes," *U. S. Statutes at Large* 7:113-15. Charles J. Kappler, *Indian Affairs. Laws and Treaties*, 2:73-74 (printed as *U. S. Senate Document No. 452*, 57 Congress, 1 session).

⁹ *Journals of the Continental Congress, 1780-82*. John B. Dillon, *A History of Indiana* (1859), 105 ff.

¹⁰ "Treaties Between the U. S. and the Indian Tribes," *loc. cit.*, 7:49-54, 188-192. Kappler, *op. cit.*, 2:30-34, 118-121.

were removed to lands west of the Mississippi. By 1819 the last of the Piankashaw and Delawares had left Greene County, leaving behind them, however, many signs of their occupation—mounds, village sites, and camp sites.¹¹

White Settlement

The first white men to visit Greene County were probably French soldiers or French fur traders, but it is possible that the distinction belongs to British fur traders. Of the Pennsylvania trader it has been said that "he built his camp fires on the southern shores of Lake Erie, and drove his pack-horses over the Scioto. A few of the boldest hunted wild turkey on the Wabash."¹² There was no permanent white settlement, however, until after the United States Government placed the land on sale at Vincennes in 1816.

Perhaps the first permanent white settler was Thomas Bradford, a native of Orange County, North Carolina, who is often called the founder of Greene County. Bradford journeyed from North Carolina to Orange County, Indiana, in 1814, intending to settle in what is now Greene County. The latter was still occupied by the savages, so Bradford returned to North Carolina. Some months later he again appeared in Indiana and settled one mile south of the present Bloomfield. Other early settlers were: William Latta, Peter C. VanSlyke, Peter Herrington, Thomas Plummer, George Shroyer, Eli Dixon, Ephraim Owen, and Zebulon Hogue.¹³

Creation and Organization

Greene County, named for General Nathanael Greene, a noteworthy soldier of the American Revolution, was established by the Indiana General Assembly in an act approved January 5, 1821. Western Greene County had been part of Knox County from 1790 to 1816, and was included in Sullivan County from 1816 to 1821. Eastern Greene County was detached from Knox County in 1815, when it became a part of Orange County. In

¹¹ Glenn A. Black, *The Archaeology of Greene County* (*Indiana History Bulletin*, February, 1933).

¹² Joseph S. Walton, *Conrad Weiser and the Indian Policy of Colonial Pennsylvania* (1900), 120, 152.

¹³ Tract Book, containing first land entries of Greene County. *History of Greene and Sullivan Counties, State of Indiana* (1884), 34, 183, 242. *Biographical Memoirs of Greene County, Indiana* (1908), 1:253-55.

1817 it was joined to Daviess County. The boundaries of the new county were described in the law:

Beginning at the north east corner of township eight north of range three west of the second principal meridian; thence south to the south east corner of township six north of range three west; thence west to the south west corner of township eight north of range seven west; thence north to the north west corner of township eight north of range seven west; thence east to and with the south boundary of Owen county to the place of beginning.¹⁴

Also on January 5, 1821, Governor Jonathan Jennings appointed the first county officials, to serve until the next general election. Those appointed were: Thomas Bradford, sheriff; Eli Dixon, coroner; John Stokeley, surveyor; and Cornelius Westfall, county seminary trustee. On April 27, 1821, the governor appointed Norman W. Pierce and John L. Buskirk to serve as associate judges of the circuit court.¹⁵ In accordance with an early state law these and in fact all county officials had to take oath that they "have neither directly nor indirectly gave, accepted or knowingly carried a challenge to any person or persons to fight in single combat, or otherwise with any deadly weapon, either in or out of this state since the twenty ninth day of June 1816."¹⁶

The first election in the county was held at the house of Sheriff Thomas Bradford. Thomas Plummer, David Deem, and Peter Herrington were elected county commissioners. They were sworn into office on March 6, 1821 and on March 10 met at Bradford's home, which was used for the transaction of public business during the early months of the county's existence.¹⁷ There the county commissioners received the state commissioners, who had been chosen by the Indiana legislature to select a seat of justice for Greene County. The state commissioners announced that they had chosen a site "on a Bluff which puts in to the West Fork of the White River on the east side" and that donations of land had been accepted from Thomas Bradford, Zebulon Hogue and Frederick Shepherd.

¹⁴ Acts 1820-21, ch. 49.

¹⁵ Record Book A [Executive Proceedings of the Indiana State Government], January 5 and April 27, 1821.

¹⁶ Acts 1816-17, ch. 39. This law arose from a determination upon the part of citizens to stamp out dueling in Indiana. The movement was on foot in other states.

¹⁷ Subsequently Bradford was allowed \$53 by the commissioners for his services as clerk and "for house Rent for the Term of one year." (Commissioners' Record, A:33).

The county seat was named Burlington.¹⁸

On April 6, 1821 the county commissioners divided Greene County into five townships: Highland, Richland, Burlingame, Plummer, and Stafford. Subsequently these were subdivided until there were sixteen townships: Beech Creek, Cass, Center, Eel River, Fairplay, Grant, Highland, Jackson, Jefferson, Richland, Smith, Stafford, Stockton, Taylor, Washington, and Wright. In the 1880's Eel River Township was abolished—the land being annexed to Jefferson Township.¹⁹

Taxation

At their May session, 1821, the county commissioners received from George Shroyer, lister, a "list of Taxables." The board ordered that the tax on all articles mentioned therein be "as high as the Statute will permit of except the Poll tax which Shall be fifty cents."²⁰

A year later the board entered in their minutes a schedule of county taxes:

On every hundred acres of first rate land, one dollar and fifty cents State purposes, and two thirds over and above that amount added for county purposes, and on second Rate Land, one dollar per hundred acres for State purposes and two thirds over and above that amount added for county purposes and on third Rate land per hundred acres Seventy Five Cents for State purposes, and two thirds over and above that amount added for County Purposes and fifty cents for each male person above the age of twenty one years, except those that are exempt by law. County Taxation on each and every Horse, Mare, Jack Mule or Ass thirty seven and a half cents. On every Stud Horse once the rate they stand. On every work Oxen or Oxens Twenty Five Cents, on every Gold Watch fifty cents, on every Silver Watch twenty five cents, on every Ferry Five Dollars, on every bond Servent above the age of Twelve years Three Dollars, every pleasure Carriage one dollar and twenty five cents.²¹

In collecting taxes a curious situation arose. A state law made collectors of revenue responsible for the entire

¹⁸ Commissioners' Record, A:4, 5.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, 5. *Compendium of the Eleventh Census of the U. S., 1890, Population, Part I:131.*

²⁰ Commissioners' Record, A:14-15.

²¹ *Ibid.*, 62.

amount of taxes levied, even though the collector was unable to obtain the funds from those assessed.²² As a result there appeared in March 1824 an illuminating item in the minutes of the Board of Commissioners: "there was no fit person to their knowledge that would Serve ... It is therefore ordered ... that the Clerk of the Circuit Court do instruct the sheriff ... to advertise throughout the county if there is any person that will Serve as Collector of the Revenue ... that he will appear at the courthouse ... on the Second Monday of May with his Securities and give Bond."²³

From time to time the reports of the county treasurer would include such information as: "Balance due from John Crooks, Collector ... for the year 1831. To the County—\$239.91. Balance due from Joseph Storm, Collector ... for the year 1832. To the County—\$200.56. Balance due from John Crooks, Collector ... for the year 1833—?"²⁴

Ferry Rates

At their August session, 1821, the commissioners established a ferry across the West Fork of the White River, under the management of Thomas Bradford and Solomon Dixon, who gave bond. In providing for the ferry the commissioners issued a decree listing the rates, in accordance with the statute:

A footman, six and a fourth cents, a man and a horse, twelve and a half cents, a loaded two horse waggon Seventy five cents, A Road waggon Loaded, one dollar, A Road waggon not Loaded, Seventy five cents, Sheep and hogs, each two cents per head, and Neat Cattle, Four Cents per head, a pleasure Carriage one dollar, a yook of Oxen and Cart, Fifty Cents, A Team of Oxen and Waggon, one Dollar, A one horse Waggon, Fifty cents.²⁵

Tavern Prices

A series of statutes enacted by the general assembly in 1818 laid down the conditions under which taverns might operate in Indiana. No credit for liquor greater than \$5 was to be extended "except to travellers." Tavern keepers were likewise

²² Revised Laws 1824, ch. 86.

²³ Commissioners' Record, A:152.

²⁴ *Ibid.*, B:21.

²⁵ *Ibid.*, A:22. Acts 1816-17, ch. 29. Acts 1817-18 (general), ch. 45.

forbidden to sell or barter liquor on Sunday—"except to travelers"—under pain of being fined \$3. County commissioners were ordered to fix tavern rates yearly.²⁶ In accordance with these laws the Greene County Commissioners, on February 10, 1823, established rates for Augustine Passmore and "all other Tavern Keepers" in the county:

Each and every dinner Twenty Five Cents. Each and every Breakfast Twenty Cents. Each and every Supper Twenty Cents. Horse to corn and hay Twenty five cents. Whiskey by the half pint Twelve and a half cents. Sider [cider] per quart Twelve and a half cents. One Jill Whiskey six and a fourth cents. Good Rum by the half pint Thirty Seven and a half cents. Good French Brandy by the half pint fifty cents. Boarding by the week with Lodging \$2.00. Horsekeeping by the week \$1.25. Horsekeeping by the day Thirty Seven and a half Cents.²⁷

Relocating the Seat of Justice

From the first the new town of Burlington was afflicted by an inadequate water supply. A "Publick well" was dug but did not satisfy the needs of the citizens. In obedience to sentiment within the county the general assembly, in an act approved December 17, 1823, ordered the relocation of the county seat and appointed state commissioners for that purpose. The commissioners accepted an offer from Peter C. Van Slyke, who donated land in and around the present Bloomfield. With the removal of the county seat, Burlington dwindled and finally disappeared, probably because of its proximity to Bloomfield.²⁸ Ephraim Owen, Senior, Town Agent for Burlington, was appointed by the county commissioners to serve in the same capacity for the new county seat. In accordance with the instructions of the commissioners, Owen advertised as follows:

BLOOMFIELD

The new seat of Justice for the County of Greene,

²⁶ Acts 1817-18 (general), chs. 5, 47 and 57. Acts 1819-20, ch. 51. Acts 1820-21, ch. 36. Acts 1822-23, ch. 11.

²⁷ Commissioners' Record, A:100.

²⁸ Acts 1823-24, ch. 25. Ernest V. Shockley, "County Seats and County Seat Wars in Indiana," *Indiana Magazine of History*, March 1914.

will be sold on the twenty second of April next on the premises. The terms of sale will be one fourth of the purchase money in hand, the residue in five equal semi annual instalments.

This TOWN is beautifully situated on the east side of the west fork of White river, on a rich dry soil plentifully watered, possessing as many natural advantages as any other new town perhaps, on this river—surrounded with a very flourishing settlement contiguous to mills and mill seats.

The attention of Merchants, Mechanicks, and Manufacturers will be particularly excited by the extent of surrounding country, the convenience of waterworks and healthiness of situation.

From the superior natural advantages possessed by this town, and its contiguity to the centre of the county, it is elevated above the fear of future relocations.

Ephraim Owen Senr. Agent for Greene County.
February 28, 1824.²⁹

Subsequently the Board of Commissioners allowed Augustine Passmore \$3.50 "for one days Service in Crying the Sale of Town lots and for Gallon of Whiskey."³⁰ It was the custom in those days for the county to supply free whiskey at auctions of county-seat town lots in order to "sweeten the bid."

Cotton and Tobacco

Many of the settlers in Greene County came from the South Atlantic tidewater region. Naturally enough they brought with them the seed of cotton and tobacco. Both grew satisfactorily in the new county and for some years constituted the principal crops. In the minutes of the Board of Commissioners appear appointments of tobacco inspectors,³¹ along with fence viewers,³² road viewers,³³ and other county of-

²⁹ This advertisement appeared in the columns of the *Western Sun & General Advertiser* (Vincennes) from March 13 to April 17, 1824.

³⁰ Commissioners' Record, A:262.

³¹ Acts 1816-17, ch. 11. Acts 1828-29, ch. 38. Commissioners' Record, B (second section) :23.

³² State statutes provided for the enclosure of property with suitable fences. County Commissioners were ordered to appoint fence viewers to enforce the laws. Acts 1817-18 (general), chs. 5, 69.

³³ Boards of Commissioners were required by law to appoint road viewers. Their duties were: to inspect proposed roads, report to the commissioners whether the roads viewed were of

ficials.

County Orders

The new county was poor at first and, like other Indiana counties, issued county orders to pay for operating expenses. The orders circulated as currency (often discounted), and many peculiar transactions occurred. In September 1834 the commissioners noted in their minutes that "a County Order belonging to Frederick Slinkard of the sum of \$1.00 was consumed by fire at the burning of Slinkard's House, it is therefore ordered ... that Frederick Slinkard be allowed the sum of One Dollar for the above named order Destroyed."³⁴ A few years later (1841) irregularities were found relative to county orders, and an investigating committee appointed by the commissioners recommended that the system of keeping books be changed in order that "the door to future fraud may hereafter be closed."³⁵

In addition to county orders there were also town orders, which the county officials accepted in payment of taxes. The State of Indiana, furthermore, issued script. On March 7, 1842, the treasurer of Greene County reported to the commissioners that \$1150 in state script had been received.³⁶ As the county finances improved, the orders were retired from circulation. In June 1857 the commissioners "Ordered that the County Auditor cause all persons holding Greene County Orders bearing date previous to the first day of June 1857 to be notified by publication in *White River Valley Times* to present them at the Treasury for payment on or before the first day of September 1857 as the County will not pay interest on any such order after that date."³⁷

Pioneer Customs

In the early days very few families had means of obtaining money, except in small sums. Commodities were cheap and since little money was available barter was the rule.

public utility or not, and to lay out and mark said roads. Acts 1816-17, ch. 8 (act of January 3, 1817).

³⁴ Commissioners' Record, B:52.

³⁵ *Ibid.*, B (second section):315.

³⁶ *Ibid.*, C:42.

³⁷ *Ibid.*, E:28.

Even marriage licenses were frequently paid for in kind. In 1835 Daniel Moss started walking through the woods to Bloomfield. He had no money but took his rifle along and on the way shot a wild turkey, which he traded to the clerk for a marriage license. The marriage fee varied. Jacob Dobbins, justice of the peace in Richland Township, charged 25 cents at home or 50 cents at a distance. The first marriage license in the county was issued on August 4, 1821 to Isaac Jackson and Elizabeth Griffith. The ceremony was performed by Reverend Hugh Barns.³⁸

There was a scarcity of ministers, and funeral sermons were often postponed for weeks or months after the burial, until the coming of a preacher. The burial itself was frequently in bark coffins, made of hickory bark. In the peeling season a tree of sufficient size would be chosen. The bark would be girdled at the bottom and again about six or seven feet above. Then the intervening bark would be split vertically and removed in one piece. It would be placed in the grave, spread open to receive the corpse, then closed. With the establishment of saw mills, lumber superseded bark. In the lumber coffins wood shavings would be strewn over the bottom, with a large heap in one end for a pillow; the pillow was sometimes covered with a piece of muslin. On the outside the coffins were stained with sweet milk and Venetian red. Sometimes sumac berries were bruised in water and applied with a cloth; this gave a violet color. The price of a lumber coffin ran from 50 cents for a child's to \$2.00 for the larger sizes.³⁹

The customs that seem quaint today were necessary then. If gourds were used in milking cows and mussel shells for skimming the milk it was due to the lack of other receptacles. In later days "many of the old women argued that the butter wouldn't come as quick where a tin skimmer was used as when it was skimmed with a mussel shell."⁴⁰

Wolves were numerous in the county in the early days and caused the farmers much annoyance. The commissioners paid bounty upon wolf scalps: "on a full grown wolf \$1.00, and on a young wolf under Six Months the sum of \$00.50." In November 1833, the commissioners noted in their minutes the payment of \$23 in county orders for wolf scalps during the pre-

³⁸ Marriage Record, 1:1.

³⁹ *Biographical Memoirs of Greene County, Indiana*, 1:51, 53, 85-87.

⁴⁰ *Ibid.*, 65.

ceding year.⁴¹ Between the marauding wolves and being fined by stern-visaged justices for swearing "profane Oaths," for "Scrimishing," and for "Shooting in the Town of Bloomfield," the inhabitants led eventful lives.⁴²

Judicial Powers of the Commissioners

Throughout Indiana, county commissioners, following territorial tradition, acted as courts entirely apart from their duties as administrative bodies. State statutes, for many years, recognized an existing situation rather than conferred jurisdiction. In the compilation of laws issued in 1843 the general assembly merely stated that "in the trial of causes litigated before them," the commissioners should "comply, so far as practicable, with the rules of conducting business in the circuit courts of this state." The result was that in practice, commissioners determined the extent of their judicial functions. In Greene County the Board of Commissioners even received aliens into American citizenship. The federal law of April 14, 1802 declared, relative to the naturalization of aliens, that "every court of record in any individual state having common law jurisdiction and a seal and clerk or prothonotary shall be considered as a District Court within the meaning of the act." Bolstered by this act the Greene County commissioners, in June 1842, inscribed in their minutes the following item:

Comes now Robert Tibitts and moves the Court to hear proof of compliance with the law admitting aliens to citizenship and upon satisfactory proof being made by Henry Edwards sr. and the affidavit of Samuel B. Edwards of the residence of said Tibitts in the United States five years proceeding this application as well as the Testimony of Corpus Shaw & John C. Brown of his character as an orderly and of his being well disposed to the Government of the United States & also Tibitts had read a declaration of intention 2 years proceeding this application, Therefore ordered that said Tibitts allowed to take the oath of allegiance. Where upon said Tibitts took said oath [renouncing] allegiance and fidelity to any and every foreign prince, potentate, State, or sovereignty whatever

⁴¹ Commissioners' Record, A:450, B:5

⁴² *Ibid.*, A:316, B:26. The rate seems to have been \$1 for each "profane Oath," and the same amount for "Scrimishing" and for shooting in Bloomfield.

and Queen Victory, Queen of Great Britain as also to support the constitution of the United States.⁴³

County Institutions

There was no county almshouse during the early years of Greene County. Paupers were "farmed out" in the homes of citizens, who were paid by the county. On January 4, 1830, for example, the commissioners allowed Catherine Slinkard \$15 "for keeping Fanny Love [or Law], one of the poor of ... Plummer Township." A few weeks later the commissioners agreed to pay Catherine Slinkard \$75 for taking care of Fanny Love for the term of one year, beginning March 7, 1830.⁴⁴

An early state law provided that certain fines, penalties, and forfeitures should accumulate in each county to found and maintain county seminaries.⁴⁵ In Greene County the seminary was organized on January 24, 1832, but the trustees did not make their first annual report to the board of commissioners until January 1838. A building was erected in Bloomfield in the 1840's but was apparently never occupied by the seminary. It was used for a time as a private residence and then as a school building for the town of Bloomfield. Subsequently a law ordered the sale of county seminary property in Indiana and the transfer of the proceeds to the common school fund.⁴⁶

By the act establishing Greene County the general assembly ordered that 10 per cent of the proceeds from the sale of county-seat town lots and 10 per cent of all donations should be reserved for the maintenance of a county library.⁴⁷ For many years the county library flourished until it was superseded by township libraries, which were stocked with books by the state. The first books for the township libraries were received in 1854-55 and were distributed by the county commissioners.⁴⁸

⁴³ Revised Laws (Indiana), 1843, ch. 7, sec. 8. *U. S. Statutes at Large*, 2:153-55. Commissioners' Record, C:11. No reference to the naturalization of Tibbitts appears in the Order Book of the Circuit Court.

⁴⁴ Commissioners' Record, A:389, 402.

⁴⁵ Acts 1822-23, ch. 63.

⁴⁶ W. J. Wakefield, "County Seminaries in Indiana," *Indiana Magazine of History*, June 1915. Commissioners' Record, B (second section) :139. Revised Laws, 1852, ch. 97.

⁴⁷ Acts 1820-21, ch. 49, sec. 5.

⁴⁸ *History of Greene and Sullivan Counties, Indiana* (1884), 51.

The first newspaper in Greene County seems to have been the *Comet*, born at Bloomfield about 1836. It was a Whig paper and short-lived. After the election of 1840 the *Comet* was seen no more. There were no county papers thereafter for a number of years.

Industries and Transportation

Due to the large amount of timber, saw mills were soon established in Greene County. Flour mills followed. Flour and grain were shipped on flatboats down the creeks to the West Fork, thence to southern markets. Distilleries were operated in connection with some of the mills. A tannery began operation in Bloomfield shortly after the town's foundation. A carding mill was established there in the 1830's.

Greene County ranks second in Indiana "as to extent and value of its iron ore deposits." About 1841 smelting began at the Richland Furnace. A small steamboat ran on the West Fork carrying pig iron and iron ware. After the completion of the Wabash and Erie Canal there were several boats engaged in transporting iron products to southern markets, principally Louisville. It was not very lucrative. Pig iron was sold in Louisville for \$26 a ton, of which \$20 went for transportation. In the 1850's one of the partners, Andrew Downing, founded a bank, "Downing's Bank of Indiana at Richland Furnace." The bank issued about \$25,000 of wildcat currency. In 1858 the merchants of Worthington refused to accept this currency. The smelting company became involved and about 1859 ceased operation. Several unavailing attempts have been made to revive interest in the iron ores of the county.⁴⁹

The Wabash-Maumee Canal, also known as the Wabash and Erie Canal, made possible the operation of boats between Toledo, Ohio, and Evansville, Indiana. The Greene County section, containing six locks, admitting barges of sixty tons burden, was built in 1849-50. There were boat excursions to Terre Haute in 1850 and by 1851 boats were operating regularly across Greene County. The canal was abandoned generally about 1859 but was used occasionally as late as 1863.⁵⁰

At least eighteen oil wells have been drilled in Washington Township. "Oil Sand" was found and a few oil-producing wells

⁴⁹ Charles W. Shannon, "The Iron Ore Deposits of Indiana," *Indiana Geological Report*, 1906, pp. 373-83.

⁵⁰ A map of the canal appears on page 37 of the *Handbook of Indiana Geology* (1922).

were brought in, but most of the wells drilled in Greene County were "dry holes." One gas well burned for years with a flame from ten to fifteen feet high, resisting all efforts to plug the hole.⁵¹

There are many gravel pits in Greene County. Perhaps the largest was developed by Z. P. East at Worthington, beginning in 1906. The West Fork made a huge S curve near that point. East excavated a new channel 2,200 feet in length. The amount of gravel lying between the old bed and the new was estimated at from 80 to 100 acres. The gravel shows the action of water and ice and is probably a deposit from the ice age.⁵²

Coal mining is the principal source of income for the county, with agriculture second. The county is noted for its bituminous coal mines. The mines in Stockton and Wright Townships have been among the most productive in Indiana. The annual report of the Division of Mines and Mining of Indiana, for the year ending June 30, 1937, ranked Greene County sixth among the coal producing counties of the state, with a total of 632,025 tons.⁵³

The county is traversed by five railroads: the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and Pacific; Monon; Big Four; Pennsylvania; and the Illinois Central. There are a number of bus routes and many trucking services. State roads connect the county with the main highways of the state.

Brick is produced at Bloomfield. Other manufactures there include furniture, artificial flowers, and concrete silos.

Population

In 1850 Greene County had a population of 12,313. The number of residents increased until the peak of 36,873 was reached in 1910. Ten years later this had declined to 36,770 and in 1930 to 31,481.⁵⁴ According to the State Planning Board the loss "must have occurred in rural non-farm population

⁵¹ *Ibid.*, 895-96. Van Gorder, *op. cit.*, 254-55.

⁵² Van Gorder, *op. cit.*, 256-57.

⁵³ *Ibid.*, 251. *Year Book of the State of Indiana for the Year 1937 (1938)*, 644. G. H. Ashley "The Coal Deposits of Indiana," *Indiana Geological Report*, 1898. See also Ashley's "Supplementary Report on the Coal Deposits of Indiana," *Indiana Geological Report*, 1908.

⁵⁴ *The Seventh Census of the U. S.: 1850*, p. 763. *Fourteenth Census of the U. S.: 1920, Population*, 1:408. *Fifteenth Census of the U. S.: 1930, Population*, vol. III, Part I, pp. 694, 734.

and small mining communities, for at the present time [1935-36] there are no empty houses in any of the towns or cities."^{5 5} The census of 1930 determined the centre of population for the United States to be located in Greene County, 2.9 miles north-east of Linton.^{5 6}

^{5 5} Indiana State Planning Board, *Preliminary Survey of County Planning Problems in Indiana Counties* (typewritten, 1935-36), Greene County section, 6.

^{5 6} For a map showing centers of population from 1790 to 1930, see *Fifteenth Census of the U. S.: 1930, Population*, 2:20-21.

2. GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND RECORDS SYSTEM

Greene County, with its county seat at Bloomfield, is a subdivision of the State of Indiana for administrative, judicial, and political purposes. It is a creature of the general assembly and possesses only such powers of local government as are conferred by acts of the general assembly or are incident and necessary to carry out the provisions thereof. Created by the state, the county is subject to legislative control at any time and its powers may be amplified or diminished without its consent. Greene County was organized by an act of the general assembly, effective February 5, 1821.¹ The present government, as it functions today, is the result of its development under the original Constitution of 1816, the present Constitution adopted in 1851 and as since amended, and more than a century of legislative action.

The county system of government is an inheritance from England and the American Colonies, whence pioneers in Indiana brought their customs and laws. Its beginnings in Indiana are found in the Ordinance of 1787, enacted by Congress, for the government of the Territory of United States Northwest of the River Ohio; in the act of Congress, of May 7, 1800, creating Indiana Territory; and in the laws of the Northwest Territory, 1788-1800, and of Indiana Territory, 1801-15, enacted by the territorial legislatures.

The Northwest Territory

The Ordinance of 1787 authorized the creation of coun-

¹ Acts 1820-21, ch. 49, secs. 1-2.

ties by proclamation of the governor until the territorial general assembly had been organized, and thereafter by act of the legislature.² This authority was continued by the act of Congress, creating Indiana Territory, in 1800.³ The governor of the Northwest Territory, in 1790, laid out Knox County, embracing all of what is now Indiana (as well as parts of Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin).⁴ This was the only county in Indiana's governmental background until 1801. From then on, other counties were created in Indiana Territory so that there were fifteen counties organized prior to statehood.⁵

The laws of Northwest Territory provided for courts and administrative offices: General court of quarter sessions of peace,⁶ county court of common pleas,⁷ court of probate,⁸ commissioners,⁹ sheriff,¹⁰ coroner,¹¹ treasurer,¹² recorder,¹³ circuit court,¹⁴ clerk of the county courts,¹⁵ and tax collector.¹⁶ All officers were appointed by the governor, except the judges of the circuit court—who were ex officio the judges of the general court (the territorial supreme court), appointed

² Laws N. W. Terr., Ordinance of 1787, p. 125.

³ Kettlebrough, Charles, *Constitution Making in Indiana*, 1:42 (Act of May 7, 1800, sec. 2).

⁴ Smith, William Henry, editor, *St. Clair Papers*, 2:166n. Pence, George, and Armstrong, Nellie C., *Indiana Boundaries*, 21, 514-15.

⁵ Pence and Armstrong, *op. cit.*, 27. See also text and maps therein under the respective county names, with citations to the acts of organization.

⁶ Laws N. W. Terr., Acts 1788, ch. 2, p. 4.

⁷ *Ibid.*, p. 7.

⁸ *Ibid.*, ch. 3, p. 9.

⁹ *Ibid.*, Acts 1795, p. 201, secs. 1-2. By an act of 1790 (ch. 16, secs. 1-4), the court of general quarter sessions of the peace acted as an administrative board and, by an act of 1792 (ch. 3, sec. 1), as a fiscal board. The commissioners appointed by the court of common pleas, under the act of 1792 (ch. 3, sec. 2) to apportion taxes may be considered as foreshadowing the county commissioners, although the court of common pleas (ch. 3, secs. 3-9) exercised the other duties that later were conferred upon the board of commissioners. An act of 1799 (ch. 32, sec. 25) repealed the act of 1795, but continued to the board of commissioners (sec. 8).

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Acts 1788, ch. 2, p. 8.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, Acts 1788, ch. 9, p. 24.

¹² *Ibid.*, Acts 1792, ch. 2, sec. 6.

¹³ *Ibid.*, Acts 1795, p. 197, sec. 1.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, Acts 1795, pp. 156-57, secs. 8-9. This circuit court is not a forerunner of the later circuit court of Indiana Territory; it was held in the county by the judges of the general court, which was the territorial supreme court.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, Ordinance of 1787, p. 125. Carter, Clarence E., editor, *Territorial Papers of the United States*, 3:316, 440, 442-43.

¹⁶ Laws N. W. Terr., Acts 1799, ch. 32, sec. 17.

by the President of the United States—¹⁷ and the commissioners and tax collector who were appointed by the general court of quarter sessions.

Indiana Territory

These offices were continued under Indiana Territory, and to this list were added by legislative authority (the governor and judges until 1805, and thereafter the territorial assembly): Assessor, in 1805,¹⁸ called lister, after 1811;¹⁹ prosecuting attorney, in 1810;²⁰ and—in new counties—county agent, in 1813. The county agent received conveyances of land for the use of the county and to sell them as directed by the court of common pleas.²¹

In 1803 a new county tax levy law repealed the act of 1799, providing for the appointment of commissioners, and their powers devolved upon the court of quarter sessions.²² In 1805 a newly established court of common pleas was invested with the duties of the court of quarter sessions, the former court of common pleas, and the orphans' court, all of which courts were abolished.²³

The territorial legislature, in an act of December 31, 1813, made an effort to create a new circuit court by combining the jurisdictions of this later court of common pleas and of the existing circuit court, which were abolished. The new court was to consist of a president judge who was a member of the general court, and three associate judges, appointed by the governor, for the county.²⁴ The associate judges were to transact all county business, thus taking over the commissioners' duties which the court of common pleas had exercised since 1805.²⁵ This new circuit court never functioned, how-

¹⁷ Laws N. W. Terr., Ordinance of 1787, p. 125; Acts 1795, pp. 156-57, sec. 9. *Laws Ind. Terr., 1809-1816.*, p. 98 (Act to provide for the government of the Territory Northwest of the River Ohio).

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, Acts 1805, ch. 32, sec. 1.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, Acts 1811, ch. 35, secs. 1, 17. The lister took the place of assessor in 1811, continuing until 1813, when township commissioners were appointed to list property (Acts 1813, ch. 8, sec. 1).

²⁰ *Ibid.*, Acts 1810, ch. 10, sec. 5.

²¹ *Ibid.*, Acts 1813, ch. 10, sec. 2.

²² *Ibid.*, Acts 1803, ch. 7, secs. 9-12, 14, 17, 20, 23.

²³ *Ibid.*, Acts 1805, ch. 19, sec. 1.

²⁴ *Ibid.*, Acts 1813-14, ch. 29, secs. 1-4.

²⁵ *Ibid.*, Acts 1813-14, ch. 29, secs. 2-4; Acts 1814, ch. 13, sec. 3.

ever, for the judges of the general court (as they were appointed by the President of the United States) thought the law unconstitutional on the ground that the judges derived their jurisdiction and powers from the Federal Government, and they refused to hold the court as established by territorial authority.²⁶

The territorial general assembly, at a special session in August 1814, created a new circuit court to be held in each county. The territory was divided into three circuits and the court consisted of three judges appointed by the governor to hold office during good behavior—a circuit judge, who was a citizen of the United States, resident in the territory, and had practiced law for at least three years, and two associate judges, residents of the county.²⁷ This circuit court superseded both the old circuit court and the court of common pleas.²⁸

From 1803, when the territorial assembly returned to the county court its former powers over county business, the sheriff, as an officer of the court, was required to collect the taxes,²⁹ which dispensed with the tax collector as a separate officer. The office of treasurer was abolished in 1804 and the duties transferred to the sheriff;³⁰ re-established in 1811,³¹ and again abolished in 1813 and the sheriff acted as the treasurer.³² The sheriff, too, under an act of 1803,³³ was required to receive lists of "all and every species of property" handed in by taxpayers—until 1811, when he was declared ineligible to appointment as lister.³⁴ Lands were excepted from his jurisdiction and transferred to the assessor after that officer was appointed in 1805.³⁵

All officers were appointed by the governor, except the judges of the circuit court, from 1800 to 1813, who were appointed by the President of the United States, as noted

²⁶ Monks, Leander J., *et al.*, *Courts and Lawyers of Indiana*, 1:47-49. *Laws Ind. Terr.*, 1809-1816, pp. 65, 66, and note, §01-2.

²⁷ *Laws Ind. Terr.*, Acts 1814, ch. 2, secs. 1, 2, 4.

²⁸ *Ibid.*, ch. 3, secs. 1, 3.

²⁹ *Ibid.*, Acts 1803, ch. 7, sec. 8.

³⁰ *Ibid.*, sec. 22.

³¹ *Ibid.*, Acts 1811, ch. 37, sec. 4.

³² *Ibid.*, Acts 1813, ch. 8, secs. 25-26.

³³ *Ibid.*, Acts 1803, ch. 7, sec. 2.

³⁴ *Ibid.*, Acts 1811, ch. 35, sec. 1.

³⁵ *Ibid.*, Acts 1805, ch. 32, secs. 3, 5, 27.

above;³⁶ and the assessor, lister, tax collector (until 1803), and prosecuting attorney (after 1813), who were appointed by the court-quarter sessions, from 1800 to 1805; common pleas, from 1805 to 1813; circuit, from 1813 to 1816.³⁷

This was the county government structure on the statute books, but it does not mean that the statutes were actually followed out during this early period. "The law of 1805 was punctually observed in not a single county," states one historian,³⁸ and in some counties the court failed to appoint important officials such as assessor and tax collector.³⁹ In these laws, however, were laid the foundations of the system under which Greene County was organized and is governed today.

The First State Constitution, 1816

In the year 1816 Indiana was admitted to the Union. The first constitution provided for the election in each county of a clerk of the circuit court,⁴⁰ recorder,⁴¹ sheriff, and coroner.⁴² The offices of clerk and recorder were often held by the same person. All territorial laws, not inconsistent with the constitution, continued in force until they expired or were repealed;⁴³ therefore, the governmental organization remained as it had been until it was changed by legislative act.

The general assembly, in 1817, established the board of commissioners to transact county business, consisting of three members, elected by the voters of the county.⁴⁴ It also provided, in 1817, for a treasurer, appointed by the board of commissioners;⁴⁵ and, in 1818, a surveyor, appointed and commissioned by the governor.⁴⁶

³⁶ *Laws Ind. Terr., 1809-1816*, pp. 98-99 (Acts to provide for the government of the Territory of the United States northwest of the Ohio and to divide such territory into separate governments). See also note 17 above.

³⁷ For appointing power, see laws previously cited establishing each office.

³⁸ Philbrick, Francis S., editor, *Laws Ind. Terr., 1801-1809*, in his Introduction, cxvi.

³⁹ *Laws Ind. Terr.*, Acts 1806, ch. 1, sec. 5.

⁴⁰ Const. 1816, art. 5, sec. 8.

⁴¹ *Ibid.*, art. 11, sec. 10.

⁴² *Ibid.*, art. 4, sec. 25.

⁴³ *Ibid.*, art. 12, sec. 4.

⁴⁴ Acts 1816-17, ch. 15, sec. 1.

⁴⁵ *Ibid.*, ch. 17, secs. 1-2.

⁴⁶ Acts 1817-18 (general), ch 30, sec. 1.

The circuit court under the state constitution was the sole court of original general jurisdiction,⁴⁷ and was essentially the same as the circuit court, established in 1814, under the territorial government. The president judge was elected by joint ballot of both houses of the general assembly and there were only two associate judges, elected by the voters of the county.⁴⁸ Both courts tried criminal and civil causes, including probate matters.⁴⁹

Upon its organization in 1821, the government of Greene County followed the form described in outline above, with all the officers as provided for in the first constitution and early laws. Except for brief periods in the county's history, 1824-27 and 1834-37, during which the board of justices supplanted it,⁵⁰ the board of commissioners has constituted the board for doing county business.⁵¹

In 1826 the general assembly took over the election of the prosecuting attorney of the circuit;⁵² in 1829, established the office of school commissioner, a financial agent in control of school lands and funds, elected by the voters;⁵³ and, in 1831, made the surveyor an appointee of the board of commissioners.⁵⁴

Further increases in the number of county agencies were made in 1841. The office of auditor was created⁵⁵ to relieve the clerk of many duties which had been his since the earlier territorial days when the circuit court had performed the duties of a "county board." Up to this time, the clerk had acted as clerk of the board of commissioners,⁵⁶ and as such prepared tax duplicates and handled many other matters relating to taxation and county finances.⁵⁷ The office of auditor was abolished in Greene County from 1844⁵⁸ until it was recreated

⁴⁷ Acts 1816-17, ch. 2, sec. 5; ch. 3, sec. 2.

⁴⁸ Const. 1816, art. 5, secs. 3, 7. Acts 1816-17, ch. 2, sec. 2.

⁴⁹ Acts 1816-17, ch. 3, secs. 2-3.

⁵⁰ Rev. Laws 1824, ch. 15, secs. 1, 11. Acts 1834, ch. 23, sec. 1.

⁵¹ Acts 1826-27, ch. 13, sec. 1. Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 20, sec. 1. Rev. Stat. 1838, ch. 21, sec. 1.

Rev. Stat. 1843, ch. 7, sec. 1. 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1929; Burns 26-601; Baldwin 5215.

⁵² Acts 1826-27, ch. 17, sec. 1.

⁵³ Acts 1828-29, ch. 84, sec. 8.

⁵⁴ Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 102, sec. 1.

⁵⁵ Acts 1840-41 (general), ch. 2, secs. 1, 8.

⁵⁶ Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 20, sec. 6.

⁵⁷ Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 15, sec. 11; ch. 81, secs. 5-9, 13-14, 16 *et passim*.

⁵⁸ Acts 1843-44 (general), ch. 22, sec. 1.

as a constitutional office by the Constitution of 1851.⁵⁹ Other officers and boards inaugurated in 1841 were assessor⁶⁰ and appraiser;⁶¹ a board of equalization, composed of the board of commissioners, auditor, and assessor, to equalize tax assessments on real and personal property;⁶² and a special board of equalization, composed of the board of commissioners, auditor, and appraiser, to equalize valuations of lands made by the appraiser.⁶³ Also in 1841, the treasurer became an elective officer.⁶⁴

This system remained the administrative system of Greene County until the Constitution of 1851.

The Present State Constitution, 1851

As the state grew, there was much dissatisfaction with the Constitution of 1816, but repeated attempts to change it did not succeed until 1850, when a constitutional convention was called⁶⁵ which framed a new constitution. This constitution was submitted to the qualified voters of the state and adopted in 1851, and, with amendments, remains the Constitution of Indiana.⁶⁶

The first session of the general assembly, after the adoption of the new constitution, enacted a general code known as the Revised Statutes of 1852 and, with certain exceptions,⁶⁷ repealed all previous laws, thereby abolishing the assessor and school commissioner, substituting the appraiser for the assessor on the board of equalization, and dividing the duties of the school commissioner between the auditor and the treasurer.⁶⁸

Each county is a political subdivision of the state and has an individual governmental organization. Although the Constitution of 1851 forbids special legislation,⁶⁹

⁵⁹ Const., art. 6, sec. 2.

⁶⁰ Acts 1840-41 (general), ch. 3, sec. 1.

⁶¹ *Ibid.*, ch. 1, sec. 1.

⁶² *Ibid.*, sec. 18.

⁶³ *Ibid.*, sec. 13.

⁶⁴ *Ibid.*, ch. 4, sec. 1.

⁶⁵ Acts 1849-50 (general), ch. 21, sec. 9.

⁶⁶ Kettleborough, *op. cit.*, 1:222.

⁶⁷ Laws dealing with twenty subjects were excepted from the repeal, but they did not affect the governmental organization of the county.

⁶⁸ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 35, sec. 2; ch. 92, sec. 1; ch. 98, sec. 133.

⁶⁹ Const., art. 4, sec. 22.

and the general outline of the organization of county government remains the same, the general assembly has provided the necessary variations to take care of local needs and conditions in the several counties. These variations lie chiefly in the number of officers and courts provided for counties within classifications based upon population. Since urban and rural areas obviously cannot be governed by the same number of officers, each county has the constitutional officers, but the statutory officers vary in number, powers, and duties. The latter officers may be compulsory in all counties, or they may be optional and therefore established in only a few instances; others are authorized only in certain classes of counties, though the class may include only one county.

Indiana stands alone among the states of the Union in having a dual system of county governing boards,⁷⁰ since the establishment in each county of a county council in 1899.⁷¹ Each county is governed by a board of commissioners and a county council. The duties of these agencies, with technical distinction, are enumerated below.

From the beginning of the twentieth century a tendency toward centralization of power in the hands of state authorities has taken from county officials many of their powers and duties and has greatly lessened the scope of those remaining. In older fields of finance, roads, and education, the state's powers have greatly increased, and the creation of newer state departments, such as police, food and fire inspection, and public welfare, has caused heavy removal of local responsibility and control.

Present Administration of Greene County

The Constitution of 1851 re-organized the governmental structure, enlarging the number of constitutional officers to be elected by the voters of the county, as follows:⁷²

Clerk of the circuit court, who keeps all the records of the proceedings and business of the circuit court and performs numerous duties of administrative character. He also serves ex officio as registration officer and member of the county election boards.

⁷⁰ Snider, Clyde Frank, *County and Township Government in Indiana*, 4.

⁷¹ Acts 1899; Burns 26-501; Baldwin 5365.

⁷² Const., art. 6, sec. 2. For citations, see the legal status essays of these offices in Part

Recorder, who makes and preserves a public record of all legal documents, both official and private, as may be prescribed by law.

Sheriff, who is conservator of the peace, serves summonses, and executes orders of the courts and county boards.

Coroner, who holds inquests in all cases of death by violence or accident or under suspicious circumstances.

Treasurer, who receives and disburses all county moneys and collects taxes. He is *ex officio* a member of the board of review.

Auditor, who is the financial agent of the county and compiles the county budget estimates, prepares the tax duplicates, and serves as clerk and member of several county boards.

Surveyor, who has charge of all surveying and civil engineering work of the county, including the maintenance of drainage systems.

The constitution empowers the general assembly to provide for the election or appointment of such other officers as may become necessary,⁷³ and to confer powers of a local, administrative character on boards doing county business.⁷⁴ All county officers must be electors of the county at the time of election or appointment,⁷⁵ reside within the county during their terms of office, and keep their respective offices therein.⁷⁶ Tenure of statutory officers may be declared by law and, if not, is at the pleasure of the appointing authority, but it cannot be longer than four years.⁷⁷

Under this authority the general assembly has from time to time established the following statutory offices and boards:

Board of commissioners, the leading governing body of the county, often called the "county board", re-established in 1852. It consists of three members elected by popular vote. The board furnishes and maintains county buildings and grounds, administers the financial transactions of the county, and is responsible for the maintenance of county highways.⁷⁸

⁷³ Const., art. 6, sec. 3.

⁷⁴ *Ibid.*, sec. 10.

⁷⁵ *Ibid.*, art. 6, sec. 4.

⁷⁶ *Ibid.*, sec. 6. *Relender v. State ex rel. Utz*, 149 Ind. 283, 49, N. E. 30.

⁷⁷ *Ibid.*, art. 15, sec. 2

⁷⁸ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1929; Burns 26-601; Baldwin 5215. 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1935; Burns, 1928 suppl., 26-620; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 5226. Acts 1919; Burns 36-301; Baldwin 8859.

County council, another governing body created in 1899,⁷⁹ to control the finances of county government. This council consists of seven members, elected by popular vote. The council has power to fix the tax rate for county purposes and for all purposes where the rate is not fixed by law and is required to be uniform throughout the county, and to adopt the county budget; the exclusive right to make appropriations from the county treasury; and the exclusive power to authorize the borrowing of money and the issuing of bonds.⁸⁰

Superintendent of schools, in 1873,⁸¹ who has general superintendence of all schools of the county outside of incorporated cities and towns.⁸² Elected by the township trustees,⁸³ he is ex officio a member and the president of the county board of education.⁸⁴

Board of education, in 1873,⁸⁵ consisting, since an amendment of 1877, of the superintendent of schools, township trustees, and the chairman of school trustees of each city and town of the county. The board is charged with the maintenance of the schools and school property and purchases school supplies.⁸⁶

Assessor, in 1891,⁸⁷ who oversees the assessment of real and personal property, and assesses omitted property.⁸⁸ He is elected by the voters of the county,⁸⁹ and is ex officio a member and the president of the board of review.⁹⁰

Board of review, in 1891, whose members are the assessor, auditor, and treasurer,⁹¹ and, by an amendment of 1919, two freeholders of opposite political parties, appointed by the judge of the circuit court.⁹² This board equalizes tax assess-

⁷⁹ Acts 1899; Burns 26-701; Baldwin 5365.

⁸⁰ Acts 1899; Burns 26-515, 26-520; Baldwin 5379, 5384. Acts 1899, 1921, 1929; Burns 26-532; Baldwin 5396.

⁸¹ Acts 1873, ch. 25, sec. 2.

⁸² Acts 1899; Burns 28-705; Baldwin 5940.

⁸³ Acts 1899, 1911, 1913; Burns 28-702; Baldwin 5931.

⁸⁴ Acts 1873, 1877; Burns 28-801; Baldwin 5983.

⁸⁵ Acts 1873, ch. 25, sec. 8.

⁸⁶ Acts 1873, 1877; Burns 28-801; Baldwin 5983.

⁸⁷ Acts 1891, 1919, 1921; Burns 64-1101; Baldwin 15696.

⁸⁸ Acts 1919; Burns 64-1102; Baldwin 15693.

⁸⁹ Acts 1919, 1921; Burns 64-1101; Baldwin 15696.

⁹⁰ Acts 1919, 1920 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 64-1201; Baldwin 15700.

⁹¹ Acts 1891, ch. 99, sec. 114.

⁹² Acts 1919, 1920 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 64-1201; Baldwin 15700.

ments as between townships or other taxing units and between individual property owners.⁹³ This board replaced the board of equalization.

Board of finance, in 1907, consisting of the board of commissioners, with the auditor as secretary.⁹⁴ This board has the custody of county funds and selects the depositories.⁹⁵

Miners' examination board, in 1911, consisting of three members, appointed annually by the board of commissioners; two resident coal miners and one resident coal operator of the county.⁹⁶

Agricultural agent, in 1913, who, under the supervision of Purdue University, conducts farmers' institutes and other movements for the advancement of agriculture and country life. He is appointed by the director of agricultural extension service of Purdue University, subject to the approval of the state board known as the county agricultural agent board.⁹⁷

Board of tax adjustment, in 1932, consisting of seven members⁹⁸ who, by an amendment of 1937, are: One member of the county council, chosen by the council; the mayor of Linton, the only city in the county, or any public official of that city, appointed by him; one member of the county board of education, selected by the board; and four citizens and freeholders of the county appointed annually by the circuit judge. The board examines the tax levy and the corresponding items of the budget, and adjusts the tax rates so that they shall not exceed, in any municipal corporation, the total aggregate tax rate prescribed by law.⁹⁹

Highway supervisor, in 1933, who supervises, under the direction of the board of commissioners, the repair and maintenance of all county highways. The board of commissioners makes the appointment and may appoint the surveyor as highway supervisor.¹⁰⁰ Henry G. Schloot, during the latter part of his term as surveyor, 1933-34, was appointed highway super-

⁹³ Acts 1919; Burns 64-1205; Baldwin 15704.

⁹⁴ Acts 1907, ch. 222, sec. 6. Acts 1907; Burns, 1908 suppl., 61-629; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-50.

⁹⁵ Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 61-636; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-57.

⁹⁶ Acts 1911, ch. 276, sec. 1. Acts 1923; Burns 46-1001; Baldwin 11073.

⁹⁷ Acts 1913, 1923, 1927, 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 28-4911; Baldwin 1937 suppl., 6457.

⁹⁸ Acts 1932 (Spec. Sess.), ch. 10, sec. 4.

⁹⁹ Acts 1907; Burns, 1938 suppl., 64-310, 64-311; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 15897-4, 15897-5.

¹⁰⁰ Acts 1933; Burns 26-1101, 36-1110; Baldwin 8699, 8708.

visor; at the expiration of his term as surveyor on January 1, 1935, he was re-appointed highway supervisor.¹⁰¹

County planning commission, in 1935, consisting of seven members: One member of the board of county commissioners, designated by the board; the surveyor and the agricultural agent ex officio; and four other members appointed by the board of county commissioners. The commission is to promote county planning—adopt a master plan for the county, prepare and keep up-to-date a long-term development program of all major county improvement projects and public works, co-operate with Federal, state, and local agencies and co-ordinate all plans for the conservation, utilization, and development of the resources of the county.¹⁰²

School fund board, in 1935, consisting of three members—the auditor and the clerk of the circuit court ex officio, and one person appointed by the judge of the circuit court. The board approves all loans from the common school and the congressional township school funds.¹⁰³

Department of public welfare, in 1936,¹⁰⁴ comprising the board of public welfare, consisting of five members appointed by the judge of the circuit court, and the director of public welfare, appointed by the board.¹⁰⁵ The department administers the provisions and benefits of the public welfare act.¹⁰⁶

Health officer, in 1909, re-established in 1938, who enforces the health laws; collects, records, and reports vital statistics; and issues burial permits. He is appointed by the board of commissioners.¹⁰⁷

Registration officer, in 1933, who conducts the registration of voters. This office is held, ex officio, by the clerk of the circuit court.¹⁰⁸

¹⁰¹ Letter from Eskel Beasley, Auditor, Greene County, under date of November 14, 1938.

¹⁰² *Ibid.*, Acts 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 26-2301, 26-2303 to 26-2306, 26-2308, 26-2309; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 5205-1, 5205-3 to 5205-6, 5205-8, 5205-9.

¹⁰³ Acts 1865, 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 28-209; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 6558.

¹⁰⁴ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1938 suppl., 52-1117; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-18.

¹⁰⁵ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.), 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 52-1118, 52-1119; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-19, 14078-20.

¹⁰⁶ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1938 suppl., 52-1120; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-21.

¹⁰⁷ Acts 1891, 1909; Burns 35-111; Baldwin 8405. Acts 1907, 1913; Burns 35-115; Baldwin 8398. Acts 1909; Burns 35-108, 35-110; Baldwin 8402, 8404. Acts 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 35-118; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 8404-1.

¹⁰⁸ Acts 1933, 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 29-306; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 7304.

Board of election commissioners, in 1889, consisting of the clerk of the circuit court and two persons appointed by him of opposite political parties. The board prepares, prints, and distributes ballots for general elections.¹⁰⁹

Board of canvassers, in 1905, consisting of the election commissioners.¹¹⁰ The board canvasses, tabulates, and compiles the election returns of the county¹¹¹ and certifies the candidates elected.¹¹²

Board of primary election commissioners, in 1907, re-established in 1915, consisting of the clerk of the circuit court and two persons appointed by him of opposite political parties. The board prepares, prints, and distributes ballots for primary elections.¹¹³

Judicial System

The judicial system of Greene County is prescribed by the constitution and subsequent acts of the general assembly. The constitution vests the judicial power so far as counties are concerned, in the circuit court and such other courts as the general assembly may establish.¹¹⁴ It further provides for the election by popular vote of a clerk of the circuit court¹¹⁵ and a prosecuting attorney.¹¹⁶ Greene County constitutes the sixty-third circuit, established in 1911.¹¹⁷ The judge of the circuit is elected by the voters thereof.¹¹⁸

The Greene Circuit Court has original exclusive jurisdiction in all causes, criminal, civil, probate, and juvenile, except where exclusive or concurrent jurisdiction is conferred by law upon justices of the peace, and such appellate jurisdiction as is conferred by law. It also has jurisdiction of all other causes, matters, and proceedings where jurisdiction thereof is not conferred by law upon some other court, board, or officer.¹¹⁹

¹⁰⁹ Acts 1889; Burns 29-1002; Baldwin 7109.

¹¹⁰ Acts 1905, 1927; Burns 29-1401; Baldwin 7377.

¹¹¹ Acts 1905; Burns 29-1404; Baldwin 7380.

¹¹² Acts 1905; Burns 29-1405; Baldwin 7381.

¹¹³ Acts 1907, ch. 282, sec. 13. Acts 1915, 1917; Burns 29-504; Baldwin 7190.

¹¹⁴ Const., art. 7, secs. 1, 8.

¹¹⁵ *Ibid.*, art. 6, sec. 2.

¹¹⁶ *Ibid.*, art. 7, sec. 11.

¹¹⁷ Acts 1911, ch. 13, sec. 1.

¹¹⁸ Const., art. 7, sec. 9.

¹¹⁹ Const., art. 7, sec. 8. Acts 1881; Burns 4-303; Baldwin 1397.

Justices of the peace must report and pay to the county treasurer all fines which they collect.¹²⁰ Both justices and constables attached to their courts must file their bonds with the clerk of the circuit court.¹²¹

Records System

The records of Greene County began with its creation in 1821. The establishment of each of the county offices and bureaus inaugurated their records which were kept in such fashion as the incumbents saw fit, following in the main the directions of the general assembly under the provisions for each respective office. In 1909, the general assembly established the state board of accounts, which formulates, prescribes, and installs systems of accounting and reporting which are uniform for every public office of the same class.¹²² Some of the records were combined to eliminate separation, duplication, and overlapping. The board also permits the use of bound loose-leaf records in almost all cases where the records are typed. The quality of the paper and ink and the binding and rebinding practices are left to the judgment of the board of commissioners, except that a good quality is required.

Whenever it may be necessary for the preservation of the records of any office, it is the duty of the board of commissioners to issue an order directing the officer in charge to copy and transcribe the records.¹²³

In event of the loss or destruction, in whole or in part, of any of the county records, they shall be replaced, as follows: (1) The board of commissioners shall send to the governor a certified list of such records furnished by the state, and he shall order the proper state officer to replace them. (2) Records compiled in the county shall be restored, if possible, from original documents by the proper officers, that is, the county officer in whose custody the original records were. (3) If impossible to reduplicate the old records, either the proper officer or a commissioner appointed by the board of commissioners for that purpose shall make new records

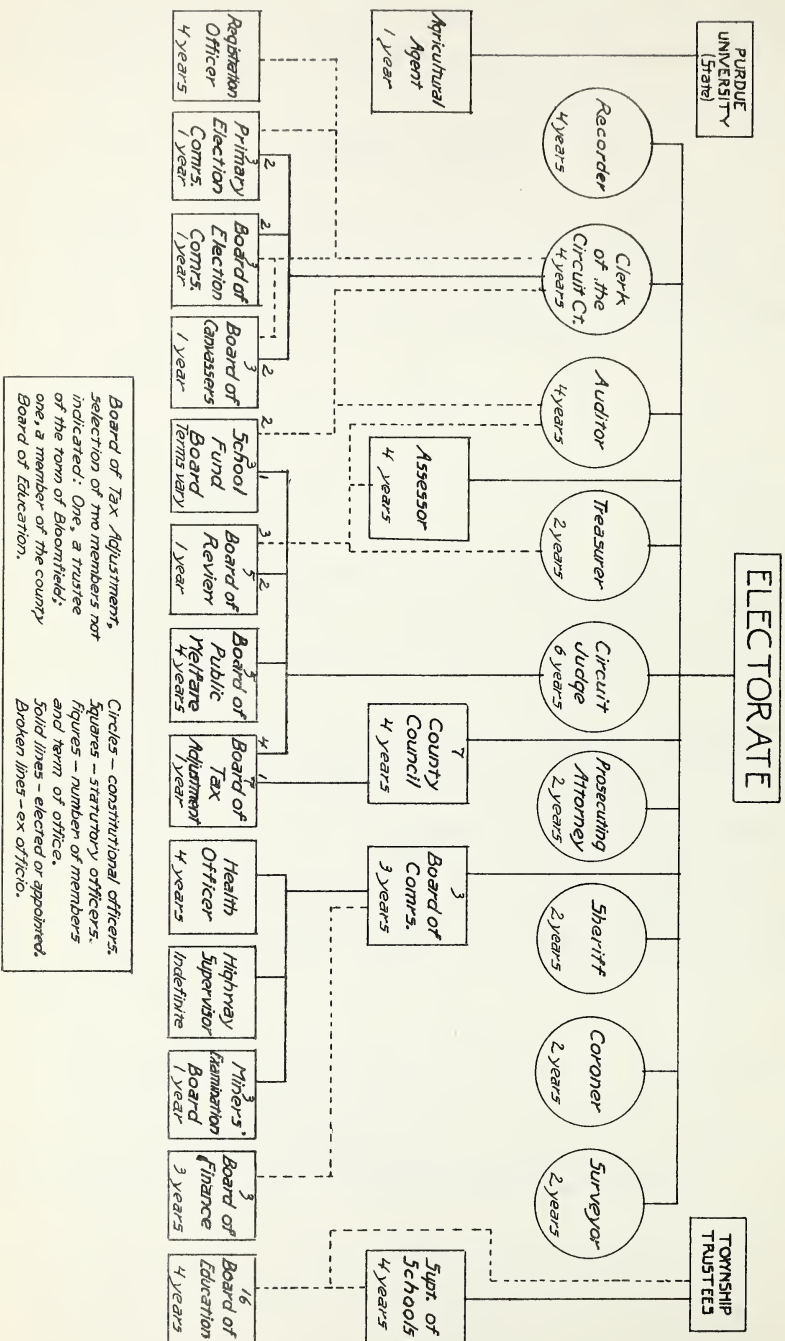
¹²⁰ Acts 1881; Burns 5-1803, 5-1804; Baldwin 1874, 1875.

¹²¹ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-104, 49-105; Baldwin 13057, 13063.

¹²² Acts 1909; Burns 60-202, 60-224; Baldwin 13855, 13875.

¹²³ Acts 1877; Burns 26-634; Baldwin 5329.

Chart of Greene County Governmental Organization, 1938



by evidence taken from parties having knowledge of the facts concerned.¹²⁴

In 1925 a law was passed permitting county officials, at their discretion, to turn over to the archives division of the state library for permanent preservation, any official books, records, documents, original papers, newspaper files, or printed books and material not in current use in their offices.¹²⁵ This law is optional and has been ineffectual. County officials are loath to part with records, even when no longer in use, in spite of lack of storage space, anticipating a possible call for them. Consequently, they have only occasionally availed themselves of this provision for permanent preservation of their old records. The recorder and other county officers, by an act of 1927, are authorized to record deeds, mortgages, and other instruments by any approved photographic process adopted by the board of commissioners.¹²⁶

In 1937, the general assembly authorized the director of the state library, at his discretion, to make a copy, by photography or in any other way, of any official book, record, document, original paper, newspaper, or printed book or material in any county, city, or other public office, for preservation in the state archives. All public officials must permit copies to be made of the books, records, documents, and papers in their respective offices.¹²⁷

¹²⁴ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1865; Burns 57-101 to 57-124; Baldwin 1168 to 1191. Acts 1881; Burns 57-208 to 57-210; Baldwin 1165 to 1167. Acts 1893; Burns 57-125, 57-211 to 57-214; Baldwin 1192, 1195.

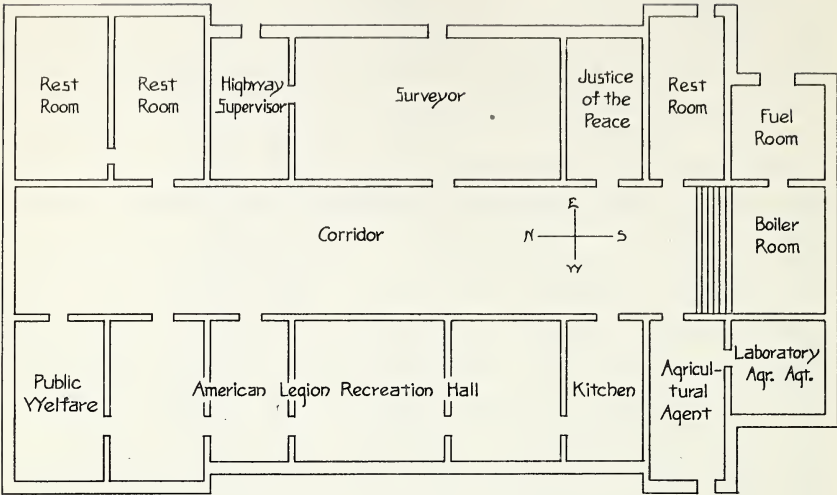
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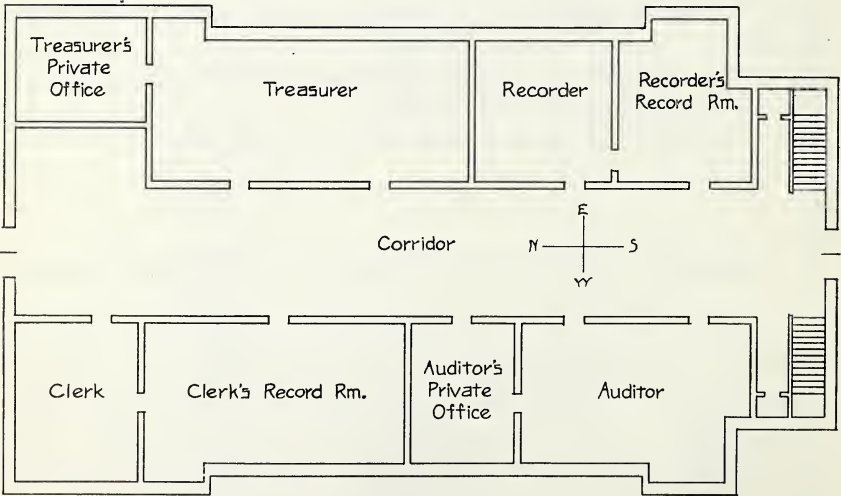
¹²⁷ Acts 1937; Burns, 1928 suppl., 63-830; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 10287.

3. HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

Shortly after the establishment of Greene County and the location of the first county seat at Burlington, the board of commissioners ordered the construction of a courthouse, specifying that it was to be completed by August 1, 1822. This was a log structure, 24' by 18' and one and one-half stories high. The first floor contained one large room, but the specifications called for "a petition [partition] run thoug [sic] the upper story." Though it was specified that the courthouse



Basement — Greene County Courthouse



1st. Floor — Greene County Courthouse

was to be "Chi[n]ked up and Dobed with mortar on the outside,"¹ the work either was not accomplished immediately or was unsatisfactory; for Augustine Passmore was hired on February 11, 1823, to perform several tasks about the building, among which was to "dob said house in the outside with Mortar."²

With the relocation of the seat of justice at Bloomfield came an order, on May 1, 1824, for the clearing of the public square and the construction of a courthouse in that town. The specifications for the new courthouse were almost identical with those for the old, except that it was to be 26' by 20'.³ It is said that material from the first courthouse was used in the second,⁴ but this is not recorded officially and is scarcely credible in view of the fact that timber was plentifully available from the clearing of the square and [the remainder of] the newly created town. The records and supplies were hauled from Burlington to Bloomfield in a wagon by Benjamin Turley, who was paid \$2.00 for his services.⁵

The courthouse was accepted by the board of justices, who superseded the board of commissioners at their September term in 1824; and later in the same term they authorized John Hill "to chink the said house with Short blocks dobed with lime and sand ... in the outside; and [with] Clay in the inside washed over with lime", for which he was to receive \$22.00.⁶

He was allowed \$10.00 on May 4, 1825, for the same task, which he had done, presumably, for the second time.⁷ Two years later, a jury room was constructed as an addition; and in 1831 a chimney was built at a cost of \$16.00.

The courthouse gave at least one cause for dissatisfaction: on September 20, 1834, the board of commissioners ordered the county agent to have the underpinning repaired "to prevent the Hogs from disturbing the Court or any other public business that may be transacted in the Court House."⁸ Perhaps the animals were attracted by the estray pound which had previously been erected on the square; be that as it may, the commissioners were not, apparently, desirous of decreasing

¹ Commissioners' Record, A:30.

² *Ibid.*, A:101.

³ *Ibid.*, A:162, 163.

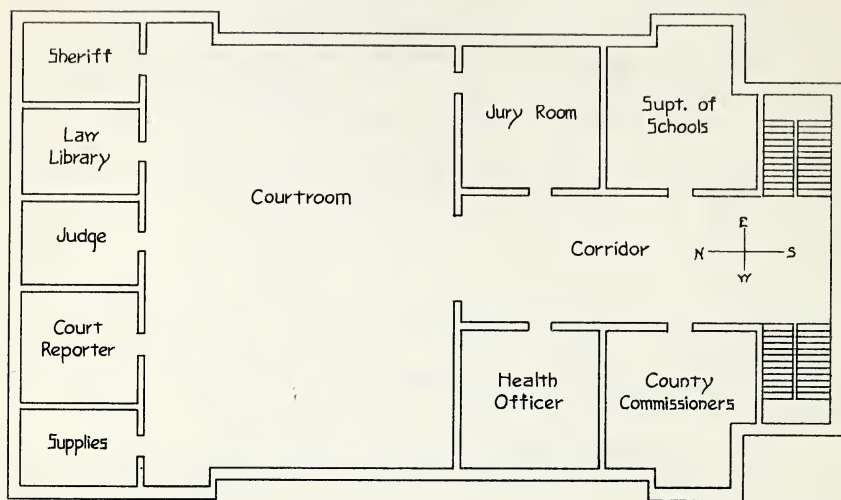
⁴ *Bloomfield Democrat*, July 1, 1921, sec. II:1.

⁵ Commissioners' Record, A:225.

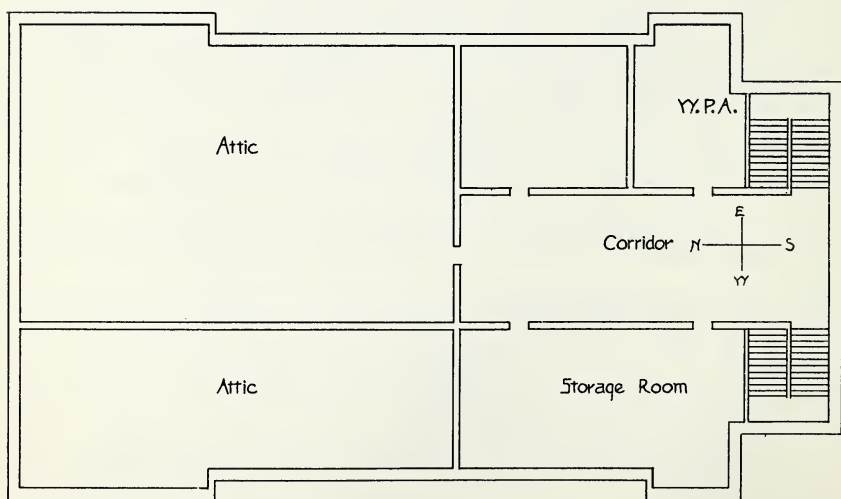
⁶ *Ibid.*, A:197.

⁷ *Ibid.*, A:241.

⁸ *Ibid.*, B:45, Sept. 20, 1834.



2nd. Floor — Greene County Courthouse



3rd. Floor — Greene County Courthouse

the animal population in the vicinity of the courthouse, for in November they ordered the construction of a new estray pen, still on the square.

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A committee, appointed in November 1835 to estimate the cost of a new courthouse and investigate means of obtaining funds for its construction, reported in December that the probable cost would be \$5157.00 and recommended letting the contract early the next March, outlining an advised method of payment: \$1000.00 initially; \$1500.00 on the first of November 1836, providing the brickwork was by that time "completed and enclosed"; \$1000.00 on the first of April 1837; and the balance upon completion. The committee added that the available funds in the county treasury totaled \$800.00 but that the balance could be raised through sale of donated lands, by the levy of a small tax for three years, and through loans at 6% interest.⁹

The contract on the suggested terms was let on April 11, 1836, for \$5800.00 but numerous difficulties attended the construction of the building. The contractor, after receiving his first payment, absconded.¹⁰ His sureties attempted to complete the work but succeeded only in exhausting their private resources, as the installments specified to be paid by the county were not forthcoming.¹¹ Finally, however, the county floated loans at 12% interest and managed to raise the necessary funds.¹² When completed, the courthouse had cost the county \$6271.59.¹³

It was a brick structure 50' square and 28' high from the ground to the eaves above the second story, situated on the square and facing south. The first floor was divided by a central corridor with three rooms on either side. The upper floor contained three rooms: a courtroom and two jury rooms. Above the second story were the usual cupola, dome, and spire. The commissioners specifically stated that the "Criminals box" in the courtroom should be painted "in deep black."¹⁴

⁹ *Ibid.*, B (second section): 42, 43.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, 115, 116.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, 166, 176.

¹² *Ibid.*, 198.

¹³ *Ibid.*, 244. No formal acceptance of the courthouse is recorded. The date of completion is usually given as 1839 (*History of Greene and Sullivan Counties*, 47), but as late as September 1842 the board of commissioners ordered the building committee to report whether the courthouse had been completed according to contract (*Commissioners' Record*, C:29).

¹⁴ *Commissioners' Record*, B (second section): 54-56.

As several county offices, such as clerk, recorder, treasurer, and auditor were frequently, in the earlier days of the county, held by the same individual, four of the six rooms on the first floor were often leased as offices to physicians and lawyers.¹⁵ One of the remaining rooms was occupied by the many-dutied official and the other by the county library. Local tradition has it that at least one official kept all his records in a barrel.¹⁶ This courthouse was destroyed in 1885 to make way for the present structure. The cupola was sold to a citizen of Bloomfield, who placed it in his yard as a playhouse for his children.¹⁷

The history of Greene County jails is rather obscure. None seems to have been built prior to 1826. On March 7, 1825, the contract for a jail was ordered to be let the next May.¹⁸ Apparently this was not done; for in the July term of the board of justices, they repeated the order, stating more definitely "that the county agent procede to put a Jail on the public square, thirty feet South from the Street, South of [where] the present courthouse stands."¹⁹ Again, in September, the letting of the contract was ordered.²⁰ The jail was built in 1826, at a total cost of \$412.50, its proposed location having been changed by the board.²¹

It must have been durably constructed for it served the county more or less efficiently for over thirty years. In 1844, however, the grand jury reported that the jail was "not in sufficient repair for the safekeeping of persons nor health of same."²² It was repaired shortly afterward; three years later, the grand jury reported its condition as satisfactory, adding that it had been so for the past year.²³ An unfavor-

¹⁵ Commissioners' Record, B:245; C:589; E:36. *History, op. cit.*, 48.

¹⁶ *Bloomfield Democrat*, July 1, 1921, sec. III: 1.

¹⁷ *Ibid.* An interesting item appears in Commissioners' Record, N:69: "Ordered by the Board that the following be made of record. P. C. Van Slyke, sole heir at law of the original P. C. Van Slyke, donator of the original town plat of Bloomfield, Indiana, consisting of thirty-five acres, to be used as a Seat of Justice for said County, this 7th day May, 1885, done [*sic*] the Surveying for the location of the new Courthouse, assisted by W. L. Cavins, Grandson of Samuel R. Cavins, free of charge."

¹⁸ Commissioners' Record, A:227.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, 246.

²⁰ *Ibid.*, 249.

²¹ *Ibid.*, 255, 264, 292. *History, op. cit.*, 47.

²² Commissioners' Record, C:199.

²³ *Ibid.*, 585.

able report was again given in 1857,²⁴ and later in the decade the jail was sold for \$10.75. A new jail, costing something in excess of \$9000, was built in 1859-60,²⁵ and served until 1908, when the present jail was built.

The present courthouse, erected in 1886 at a cost of \$60,800, occupies the same ground as its predecessors. A three-story building of brick trimmed with native limestone, it is 112' by 77' in length and width and 55' in height. The entrances, on the north and south sides, open into the corridor on the first floor; the corridor runs the full length of the building, and the offices lie on either side. Two stairways at the south end of the building lead to the upper floors. On the second floor a corridor, flanked on either side by two rooms, leads to the courtroom, which extends across the width of the building. The space above the courtroom and the rooms behind it is an unoccupied attic. The remainder of the third floor is occupied by three rooms, one of which houses the older records of the county. The basement is similar in design to the first floor but is not directly connected with the latter and can be entered only from the outside.

The basement is floored with concrete, the upper stories with wood. Walls and ceilings are plastered and painted or papered. All of the rooms are well lighted and well ventilated, with such exceptions as are noted in the detailed descriptions below.

Board of Commissioners. Thirteen percent of the records of the board are in the treasurer's office, 22% in the auditor's office, 16% in the auditor's private office, and 49%—the older records—in the third-floor storage room.

County Council. All the records are in the auditor's private office.

Clerk of the Circuit Court. At the northwest corner of the first floor is the clerk's office, and adjoining it to the south, his record room. In these two rooms are kept the current records of the clerk, as well as many records of the circuit court, the sheriff, the coroner, the registration officer, and the three election boards. In the office, which is 22' by 17' by 15', are 156' of volumes and 131' of file boxes containing unbound records. All the volumes are on steel roller shelving along the south wall and beneath a room-wide counter. The record room may be entered from the office or from the corridor.

²⁴ *Ibid.*, E:47.

²⁵ *History, op. cit.*, 48.

Measuring 30' by 22' by 15', the record room contains 500' of volumes and 720' of unbound records in file boxes. The file boxes for the most part are arranged on shelves, but approximately 30' of them are stacked on top of the tiers. The shelving for the volumes is of three types: Horizontal wood, vertical wood, and metal roller. The file boxes are either of metal or cardboard. As arranged at present, some 20' of shelving are available for expansion.

Twenty-one percent of the records are in the office, 77% in the record room, and 2% in the third-floor storage room.

Recorder. The recorder's office and record room lie on the east side of the corridor, at the south end of the first floor. The office is 24' by 19' by 15'; the record room, 29' by 18'. Twelve feet of volumes are arranged on a table and a counter, and 20' of unbound records are contained in file boxes. Shelving will be needed if more records are to be housed in this room. Around the four walls of the record room, a total of 573' of shelving—both of roller and upright design—houses volumes. A little free space is left on this shelving, and shelves, if necessary, can be installed in the center of the room.

The office houses 5% of the records, and the record room 94%, together with some of the health officer's records. The remainder of the recorder's records are in the third-floor storage room.

Circuit Court. A small portion—1%—of the court's records is kept in the court reporter's office, which lies on the north side of the second floor, to the rear of the courtroom, into which its entrance opens. On a counter and on shelving beneath the counter are 15' of volumes; an air shaft in the east wall of the room, opening into the attic above, is equipped with wooden shelves, on which are 8 volumes. These volumes are in poor condition: they are water-stained and thickly covered with dust, soot, and dirt which have fallen on them from the attic above. The office is rather crowded; the only free space for more records is in the air shaft, which is hardly suitable for this purpose.

Four percent of the records are in the clerk's office, 89% in the clerk's record room, and 6% in the third-floor storage room. One volume is in the sheriff's office.

Sheriff. The sheriff's office in the courthouse is located at the northeast corner of the second floor, to the rear of the courtroom. The dimensions of the office are 17' by 7' by 15'. Ten feet of volumes are stacked on tables, while unbound records

are kept in 3 file drawers and 27 file boxes. Because of the small size of the room, there is little space for records. In the jury room, a room 24' by 19' by 15' adjoining the courtroom to the south, 6' of volumes belonging to the sheriff are stacked on a bench. While this can hardly be regarded as a permanent location for the records, they have been kept there for several years.

The sheriff also has an office in the county jail. This office is 17' by 13' by 8', and has a concrete floor, plastered walls, and a plastered ceiling. Four feet of volumes are arranged on a desk.

Thirty-five percent of the records are in the office in the courthouse, 3% in the jury room, 7% in the jail office, 2% in the clerk's office, and 53% in the third-floor storage room.

Coroner. The office, at present located in the professional office of the incumbent on the second floor of the Ax and Fry Grocery Building, Linton, houses 1 carton of unbound records. These comprise 50% of the whole, the other 50% being in the clerk's record room.

Prosecuting Attorney. The incumbent's professional office, on the second floor of the Regal Grocery Building in Bloomfield, houses the one record which is kept by this official.

Assessor. The assessor has desk space in the auditor's office (described below under the latter heading). Sixty percent of the records are kept there, and 40% are in the third floor storage room.

Board of Review. One volume of the board's record is in the auditor's office; and the other volume, in the auditor's private office.

Board of Tax Adjustment. The only record kept by the board is in the auditor's private office.

Board of Finance. One volume of records (noncurrent) is in the auditor's office. The current record, combined with the Commissioners' Record, is in the auditor's private office. Unbound records are in the latter and in the third floor storage room. Altogether, each office room contains 3% of the records, and the storage room contains 94%.

School Fund Board. The records are in the auditor's office.

Treasurer. The treasurer's office lies on the east side of the first floor and is adjoined by his private office, somewhat less than half the size of the main room. A large room—47' by 29' by 15'—the office is equipped with 112' of wooden shelving, all of which is occupied by volumes. Two

file boxes and 86 pigeonholes contain unbound records. A little space is available for additional shelving, which will be needed if more records are to be housed there. The private office contains approximately 56' each of bound and unbound records, the volumes being housed on wooden shelving, while the unbound records are in file boxes. Though almost all the shelving is occupied at present, there is space for more when needed.

In the office are 27% of the records; in the private office, 3%; in the auditor's office, 1%; and in the third-floor storage room, 69%.

Auditor. The auditor's office is located on the west side of the corridor at the south end of the building, and his private office lies between the former and the clerk's record room. The office, 35' by 30' by 15', is also occupied by the assessor and houses his records, with portions of the records of the board of commissioners, the board of review, the board of finance, the school fund board, the treasurer, and the miners' examination board, as well as records of the auditor. On 432' of shelving of various designs are 234' of volumes and 175' of cardboard file boxes containing unbound records. The remainder of the shelving is available for expansion, but no additional shelving can be installed without crowding the room. The private office is 24' by 17'; here are housed 103' of volumes and 153' of unbound records in file boxes, comprising, in addition to those of the auditor, records of the board of commissioners, the county council, the board of review, the board of tax adjustment, the board of finance, and the department of public welfare. The room is already rather crowded, and additional shelving, which will be needed to accommodate more records, would seriously hamper the operation of the office, if installed in any quantity.

Twenty-three percent of the records are in the office, 4% in the private office, 1% in the welfare office, and 72% in the third-floor storage room. Five volumes are in the basement storage room.

Registration Officer. Forty-seven percent of the records are in the clerk's record room and 53% in the basement storage room.

Board of Primary Election Commissioners. Forty-four percent of the records are in the clerk's office and 56% in the clerk's record room.

Board of Canvassers. All the records are in the clerk's record room.

Board of Election Commissioners. Ninety-eight percent of the records

are in the clerk's record room and 2% in the third-floor storage room.

Board of Education. The record of the board is in the office of the superintendent of schools.

Superintendent of Schools. The superintendent occupies an office 29' by 18' by 15', at the southeast corner of the second floor. The bound records, 23 volumes, are kept in closed bookcases, together with textbooks and other nonrecord material. Unbound records are kept in 10 file drawers and in file boxes and bundles in the bookcases. There is ample space for the housing of the few records kept here.

Health Officer. Twenty-three percent of the records are kept at the residence of the incumbent, Dr. C. M. Porter, in Jasonville. These comprise the current records of the office. The noncurrent records are in the recorder's record room (68%) and the third-floor storage room (9%).

Department of Public Welfare. The welfare office occupies the northwest room of the basement, a room measuring 18' by 15' by 9'. Two feet of volumes and 4' of file boxes containing unbound records are kept here. The shelving on which the records are housed is located in a safe, and approximately 14' are available for expansion of the records. Seventy-eight percent of the records are kept here, with 1% of the auditor's records. Seventeen percent of the records are in the auditor's private office, and 5% in the third-floor storage room.

Surveyor. The office is located on the east side of the basement, with the office of the highway supervisor adjoining it to the north. The former is 25' by 17' by 9'; volumes are housed in a bookcase, and unbound records—largely maps—in containers of various sizes. Additional equipment will be necessary for expansion of the records. There are 14' of volumes and 39' of unbound records here. Approximately 99% of the records are in the office, 1% in the third-floor storage room, and one volume in the recorder's office.

Highway Supervisor. The office is 23' by 19' by 9', and the records—1 volume and 3 file boxes of unbound records—are arranged on tables, no shelving having been provided for them. Three file drawers contain unbound records. Forty-two percent of the highway supervisor's records are in the office; the remainder are in the surveyor's office.

Miners' Examination Board. The office of the board is situated in the Duhn Building, 118 East Vincennes Street, Bloomfield. The room used as an office lies on the east side of the second floor and is 15' by 12' by 10'; its lighting, ventilation, and

facilities for users of the records are satisfactory. No shelving has been installed for the 7 volumes kept here, and they are at present stacked on the floor. Of the remainder of the board's records, 1 file drawer is in the auditor's office, and 1 file box is in the third-floor storage room.

Agricultural Agent. The agent's office, a room 30' by 16' by 9', is located in the southwest corner of the basement. The room and its facilities are adequate for the small quantity of records kept by this official: 3 file drawers and 18 file boxes contain all his records. There will be no need for additional space or equipment for this office for several years.

Storage Rooms. The older records of most of the county offices are kept in a room 38' by 32' by 15', reserved for that purpose, on the third floor. This room is fairly comparable to the others in the courthouse; apparently it is not cleaned as frequently, but it is otherwise in good condition. Its lighting, both natural and artificial, is strong enough in all parts of the room for the purpose of locating the records, but is not sufficiently strong for a close and lengthy examination of their contents, excepting in areas near the windows or under the lights. At present the room contains some 742' of shelving, well constructed for the most part, and there is ample space for enough additional shelves to care for many years' expansion; the shelving extends around the four walls, but the center of the room, except for the northern third, is open. On the shelves are 687' of volumes, arranged in a fairly orderly fashion, and 36' of file boxes. Stacked on the floor are 58 cartons filled with unbound records. These were formerly in file boxes; they were removed by a Works Progress Administration project for cleaning and arranging the old records, since the file boxes were broken and no new boxes were available.

The storage room contains records of the following offices in the indicated percentages: Board of commissioners, 49%; clerk of the circuit court, 2%; recorder, 1%; circuit court, 6%; sheriff, 53%; assessor, 40%; board of finance, 94%; treasurer, 69%; auditor, 72%; board of election commissioners, 2%; health officer, 9%; department of public welfare, 5%; surveyor, 1%; and miners' examination board, 11%.

The so-called basement storage room is actually the corridor in the basement, which, like its counterpart on the first floor, extends the full length of the building. Against the west wall of the corridor is a wooden cabinet which contains 8' of volumes. Of these, 5 volumes belong to the auditor and the remainder to the registration officers—53% of the latter's records.

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5. LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

The Style Manual of the United States Government Printing Office is the authority followed herein.

Acts [Session] Laws of the State of Indiana
(commonly referred to by binder's
title, Acts)

agr. agt. agricultural agent('s)

alph. alphabetical(ly)

arr. arranged

art. article

aud. auditor('s)

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one volume, containing all general laws to January 1,
1934, together with annotations from decisions of the
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May 1935, May 1937, May 1938, and Au-
gust 1938. (The year is given in refer-
ences only in citations to supplements.
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one continuous, consecutive series)*

bdl. bundle

bldg. building

bsmt. basement

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c	copyright (before date)
C.C.	County Courthouse
ch.	chapter
clk.	clerk('s)
comr.	commissioner(s')
Const.	Constitution of Indiana (refers to present constitution unless date follows)
ct. reporter	court reporter
et	and
<i>et al.</i>	<i>et alii</i> —and others.
<i>ex rel.</i>	<i>ex relatione</i> —upon relation of. (Designates the person at whose instance the state or a public officer is acting)
hdw.	handwritten
high. sup.	highway supervisor('s)
H. J.	House Journal (Indiana House of Representatives)
hlth. offr.	health officer('s)
<i>ibid.</i>	<i>ibidem</i> (same reference as that immediately foregoing)
Ind.	Indiana: Indiana Reports (when preceded by the volume number, reference is to the official state supreme court reports)
Laws Ind. Terr.	<i>Laws of Indiana Territory, The: 1801-1809, 1809-1816.</i> (See Bibliography, under Philbrick, Francis S. and Ewbank, Lewis B.)
Laws N. W. Terr.	<i>Laws of the Northwest Territory, The: 1783-1800.</i> (See Bibliography, under Pease, Theodore C.)
<i>loc. cit.</i>	<i>loco citato</i> —in the place cited. (After the name of a book or an article, refers to previous page(s) cited in the same work)
mi.	mile
n.	note
N. E.	North Eastern Reporter (judicial decisions) 2d—Second series

no., nos.	number(s)
off.	office
offr.	officer
<i>op. cit.</i>	<i>opere citato</i> —in the work cited. (After author's name, refers to previous work cited under his name)
p., pp.	page(s)
<i>passim.</i>	here and there (referring to references too numerous to enumerate)
pros. atty.	prosecuting attorney('s)
pt.	part
pub. welf.	public welfare
pvt.	private
rec.	record
recr.	recorder('s)
Rev.	Laws Revised Laws of Indiana
Rev. Stat.	Revised Statutes of Indiana
rm.	room
2d	second
sec., secs.	section(s)
sher.	sheriff('s)
<i>sic.</i>	thus (indicating expression, misspelling, etc. are the same as in the original)
S. J.	Senate Journal (Indiana Senate)
Spec. Sess.	Special Session
stor.	storage
suppl.	supplement
surv.	surveyor('s)
supt.	superintendent('s)
3d	third
treas.	treasurer('s)
twp., twps.	township(s)
U. S.	United States
v.	versus
vol., vols.	volume(s)
vt.	vault
—	current
'	foot, feet
"	inch(es) (omitted after dimensions in entries)
x	by

Other abbreviations in common use are occasionally used.

Explanatory Notes

The inventory of the records of each branch of the county government is preceded by an essay explaining its legal status and functions.

Entries are grouped under a functional classification, with headings and subheadings according to relative functions, and with cross-references to allied subjects. Every entry has two parts or paragraphs: Title and description. Occasionally an entry has a third (cross-reference) paragraph.

I. The title paragraph consists of:

Entry number. The entries are numbered consecutively.

Exact title (in capitals and small capitals) as it appears on the record. Titles enclosed in brackets are supplied by The Historical Records Survey, if the volume or file bears no title. Supplementary titles (in capitals and lower-case letters), enclosed in brackets, are also supplied where it is necessary to explain the types of records more fully, or where the exact title borne by the record is incorrect, misleading, or nondescriptive.

Dates of the period covered by the record, showing inclusive beginning and ending dates by years only. Missing records are indicated by a break in the dates. A dash in place of an ending date denotes an open record. In entries where one or more records are replaced by another record, the month and day are given for the discontinued record. In entries of open records, when the last entry is not current, a note follows: "Last entry"—with day, month, and year.

Quantity, given in chronological order wherever possible.

Labeling, if a series or a part of a series. Where the entry consists of one unit, labeled 1, the labeling is omitted; if otherwise labeled, the labeling is given. If the labeling is inconsistent or confusing, the notation "numbering varies" follows the quantity.

Variations in title. Current or most recent title used as entry title; if former titles vary, they are shown.

Changes in keeping records. Occasionally the county record is discontinued or is kept by some other authority—state or other county office.

II. The description consists of:

A statement of the nature, contents, and purpose of the record, with a resume of the column headings or subjects treated. The current record, except as otherwise noted, is described. The contents over a long period of years may them-

selves vary; therefore, over the entire period the description may vary to some degree. In the description of map and plat records, the scale and the names of author and publisher are given whenever available. No mention thereof denotes that these data are not known.

Method of *arrangement*: Chronological, topical, or other system. No mention of arrangement denotes that there is no systematic arrangement.

Method of *indexing*, pertaining to self-contained indexes. Separate indexes are noted also, with a cross-reference thereto. No mention of indexing denotes that the records are not indexed.

Nature of *recording*: Handwritten, typewritten, or printed. Modern records are almost exclusively in printed form, filled in by hand or typewritten as stated in entry. Maps and plats are drawn, blueprinted, or printed.

Condition. Omitted if good or excellent.

Number of pages averaged for a series.

Size of volumes in the order of height, width, and thickness, averaged for a series; of file boxes and file drawers, in the order of height, width, and depth. It is given in inches in all instances; hence the inch sign is omitted.

Location, The place of custody (the room in which the records are located) is in the courthouse unless another building is specified either in the entry or in the essay on the legal status of the office.

III. Cross-referencing occurs in three places:

In the title paragraph it is used to show a complete series where another method of keeping the record was used in the past or is used at present; also, to show other records with which the record is combined.

In the description paragraph, to and from the master entry, to show the contents of volumes or files containing unrelated records. Whenever an entry contains more than one type of record, all the data are given in a master entry under the actual title or under a complete title, if supplied, with reference to subordinate entries for each part. The subordinate entry consists of supplied title, dates, and description only.

In the third paragraph, to prior and subsequent records or allied subjects; to subjects on which supplementary information may be found in other entries; and to records which have related functions.

PART B. COUNTY OFFICES AND THEIR RECORDS

I. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The board of commissioners of Greene County is a statutory body comprising three members,¹ elected for terms of three years.² The county is divided into three districts, from each of which one member is elected by the electorate of the entire county.³ Terms are so arranged that no two members take office in the same year.⁴

Greene County has had a board for doing county business since 1821, the date of its organization—the act creating the county, approved January 5, was effective February 5.⁵ At an election within the next few weeks, under the authority of an act of 1818, concerning the organization of new counties,⁶ three commissioners were chosen—Thomas Plummer, David-Deem, and Peter Herrington—who were sworn in March 6, 1821, and held their first meeting March 10.⁷ These commissioners constituted a board of commissioners for doing county business, in accordance with an act of 1816.⁸ Thomas Bradford was appointed clerk pro tem. to the board of commissioners, April 6, 1821.⁹ He was followed by Thomas Warnick, who became clerk, June 4, 1821.¹⁰ From the beginning, the board of commissioners, in form and functions, was much the same as at present.¹¹

An act of 1824 abolished the board of commissioners and

¹ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1929; Burns 26-601; Baldwin 5215.

² Acts 1885; Burns 26-604; Baldwin 5218.

³ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-602; Baldwin 5216.

⁴ Acts 1885; Burns 26-604; Baldwin 5218.

⁵ Acts 1820-21, ch. 49, secs. 1-2.

⁶ Acts 1817-18 (special), ch. 3, sec. 1. The date on which the election was held is left blank in the Commissioners' Record, A:1-3. *History of Greene and Sullivan Counties*, 37.

⁷ Commissioners' Record, A:1-3. *History, op. cit.*, 37, 73.

⁸ Acts 1816-17, ch. 15, sec. 1.

⁹ Commissioners' Record, A:5.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, A:17.

¹¹ Acts 1816-17, ch. 15, secs. 1, 4, 9. See also notes 14, 22, 23 below.

established a board consisting of all the justices of the peace of the county as the board for doing county business,¹² conferring upon it the powers and duties exercised by the board of commissioners.¹³ The board of commissioners—consisting, as at first, of three commissioners elected by the voters—was revived from 1827 to 1834, and the powers and privileges formerly vested in the board of commissioners were restored. All powers and authority heretofore given to the board of justices were transferred to the board of commissioners, except the appointment of township officers.¹⁴ From 1834 to 1837, the qualified justices of the peace of the county constituted a board of commissioners, known by the name and style of the "Board of Commissioners of Greene County"; seven members formed a quorum to do business at the May and November sessions, and five members, at other sessions.¹⁵ In 1837, the board of commissioners, consisting of the three elective members, was again restored as the board for doing county business¹⁶—this time permanently. The Constitution of 1851 empowered the general assembly to confer upon boards doing county business, powers of a local, administrative character.¹⁷ The assembly exercised this authority in the Revised Statutes of 1852.¹⁸ The system of electing three members, as continued in 1852, has not been altered; and the board's powers and duties have continued, except as its authority has been modified by the creation of the county council. In later years also, many matters which formerly were left to local administration have been transferred, in part at least, to state agencies.¹⁹

The board doing county business from 1821 to 1839 examined and corrected the lists of taxable property—after 1824, the clerk of the board (who was the clerk of the circuit court) and the assessor, or assessors, submitted the assessment rolls to the board for acceptance. The board of commissioners,

¹² Rev. Laws 1824, ch. 15, secs. 1-2, 11, 16-17.

¹³ Acts 1816-17, ch. 15, sec. 1.

¹⁴ Acts 1826-27, ch. 13, secs. 1, 10-11, 14-15, 18. Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 20, secs. 1, 12, 14.

¹⁵ Acts 1833-34, ch. 23, secs. 1, 4.

¹⁶ Acts 1836-37 (general), ch. 31, secs. 1-2.

¹⁷ Const., art. 6, sec. 10.

¹⁸ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 20, sec. 1.

¹⁹ Chief among these are highway maintenance, liquor licenses, and matters of public welfare; other examples are police and public health. It should be remembered, however, that these functions have greatly increased in scope during the past hundred years.

from 1839 to 1891, with certain additional members, was constituted a board of equalization for real and personal property;²⁰ in 1891, this function was transferred to the board of review.²¹

The first session of the general assembly gave to the board of commissioners authority to open, amend, and keep in repair all public roads established by lawful authority, as well as to vacate public roads found useless or burdensome.²² Supervision was by districts and every male person, eighteen years of age or under fifty, was subject to work on the roads a certain number of days annually.²³ In later years, the required labor might be worked out by a substitute or commuted to a money payment.²⁴ This method of maintenance was not abolished until 1919.²⁵

An act of 1818 gave the board of commissioners power to appoint three men for each township to view all fences about which any difficulty might arise. If the fence-viewers adjudged any fence insufficient, notice was to be given to the owner to repair it. If he refused or neglected to do so, the aggrieved person was ordered to make repairs, reimbursement to be obtained from the owner by levy upon the delinquent's goods and chattels if necessary.²⁶ In 1831 the law provided that two fence-viewers be elected in each township, their appointment by the commissioners to be made in case none were elected by the voters.²⁷ From 1877 to the present time, the fence-viewers have been appointed by the commissioners.²⁸

The commissioners were constituted in 1879, ex officio, a board of turnpike directors, for the management and control of all free turnpikes in the county. Each director had personal supervision of his district. The board had the power to appoint suitable persons to supervise the work of repairs, to contract for labor and materials, and to enter upon lands to take gravel, giving certificates in payment. The board

²⁰ For citations, see Board of Review, notes 3 to 14.

²¹ Acts 1891, ch. 99, sec. 114.

²² Acts 1816-17, ch. 8, sec. 1.

²³ *Ibid.*, sec. 10. Rev. Laws 1824, ch. 87, sec. 11. Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 82, sec. 35.

²⁴ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 102, secs. 10, 12. Acts 1883, ch. 56, secs. 6, 10. Acts 1913, ch. 329,

secs. 2-6.

²⁵ Acts 1919, ch. 107, sec. 3.

²⁶ Acts 1817-18 (general), ch. 69, sec. 3.

²⁷ Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 20, sec. 20.

²⁸ Acts 1877 (Spec. Sess.), ch. 18, sec. 5; Burns 30-605; Baldwin 7655.

appointed its clerk,²⁹ until an act of 1905 made the auditor the clerk, *ex officio*.³⁰ This board was abolished in 1913, and the highways were placed in charge of a superintendent of highways, appointed by the board of commissioners.³¹ This office was likewise abolished twenty years later. The supervision of highways became a duty of the surveyor,³² unless the commissioners appoint a highway supervisor.³³

The board of commissioners from 1881 to 1909 constituted the board of health, *ex officio*,³⁴ whose duties are now exercised by the health officer.³⁵

An old-age pension system, inaugurated in 1933, was under the exclusive control and administration of the board until 1936,³⁶ when the department of public welfare replaced the pension system with old-age assistance.³⁷

The board of commissioners has been the administrative agency of the county and throughout its history, has exercised all powers for the transaction of county business conferred by law.³⁸ The board set tax levies and made appropriations until 1899, when the fiscal powers were vested exclusively in the county council, which was then created.³⁹

The board is a body corporate and politic by the name and style of "The Board of Commissioners of the County of Greene," and as such, and in such name, may sue and be sued, possessing duties, rights, and powers incident to corporations.⁴⁰ It meets in regular sessions beginning on the first Monday of every month and continuing as long as the necessary business of the session absolutely requires,⁴¹ and in special

²⁹ Acts 1879 (Spec. Sess.), ch. 115, sec. 1.

³⁰ Acts 1905, ch. 167, sec. 85.

³¹ Acts 1913, ch. 330, sec. 1.

³² Acts 1933, Burns 36-1101; Baldwin 8699.

³³ Acts 1933, Burns 36-1110; Baldwin 8708.

³⁴ Rev. Stat. 1881, sec. 4993. Acts 1891, ch. 15, secs. 8, 10. Acts 1909, ch. 144, secs. 4, 6.

³⁵ Acts 1891, secs. 8, 10. Acts 1909, ch. 144, secs. 4, 6.

³⁶ Acts 1933, ch. 36, secs. 2, 8-10, 12-13, 17-18, 20-21, 23-25. Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.), ch. 3, sec. 129.

³⁷ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-129. Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1938 suppl., 52-1120, 52-1410; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14058-21, 14078-122.

³⁸ Acts 1816-17, ch. 15, sec. 1. Const., art. 6, sec. 10. 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 20, sec. 13.

³⁹ Acts 1899; Burns 26-501, 26-515; Baldwin 5365, 5379. Acts 1899, 1921, 1929; Burns 26-532; Baldwin 5396.

⁴⁰ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-606; Baldwin 5220.

⁴¹ Acts 1899; Burns 26-550; Baldwin 5221.

sessions called for specifically stated business by the auditor, its clerk, ex officio,⁴² or, in case of death or disqualification, by the clerk of the circuit court, or the recorder, respectively.⁴³ Any two members constitute a quorum to do business.⁴⁴

Its principal functions are: Control of county property; allowance of claims against the county; auditing accounts of all officers handling county money (in practice, the board no longer makes audits, since these are made by the state board of accounts);⁴⁵ and exercise of the right of eminent domain.⁴⁶ Other powers, in specific instances, have been conferred upon the board by the general assembly: Letting of contracts for county buildings;⁴⁷ purchase of materials and supplies;⁴⁸ supervision of maintenance of roads, bridges, and culverts;⁴⁹ preparation of the annual budget estimates;⁵⁰ abolition or change of township or precinct boundary lines;⁵¹ establishment and maintenance of libraries⁵² and hospitals;⁵³ authorization of payment of bounties; offering of rewards;⁵⁴ and authorization of subscription to and preservation of public newspapers printed in the county.⁵⁵

⁴² 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3004; Baldwin 5418. Acts 1899; Burns 26-610; Baldwin 5223.

⁴³ Acts 1863; Burns 26-607; Baldwin 5222.

⁴⁴ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1929; Burns 26-601; Baldwin 5215.

⁴⁵ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 26-620; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 5236. Acts 1879 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 26-807; Baldwin, 5256. Acts 1909, 1915, 1917; Burns, 60-201 to 60-204, 60-211, 60-219, 60-225, 60-226; Baldwin 13854 to 13857, 13862, 13870, 13877. Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 60-238 to 60-240; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 15868-1 to 15868-3.

⁴⁶ Acts 1899; Burns 26-2101 to 26-2106; Baldwin 5109 to 5114. Acts 1919; Burns 36-303; Baldwin 8861. Acts 1935; Burns 1938 suppl., 36-711; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 8861-1. Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 26-640; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 5236-1.

⁴⁷ Acts 1907; Burns 26-2002, 26-2004; Baldwin 5101, 5103.

⁴⁸ Acts 1899; Burns 26-535; Baldwin 5400. Acts 1899, 1903, 1933; Burns 26-536; Baldwin 5401.

⁴⁹ Acts 1919; Burns 36-301; Baldwin 8859.

⁵⁰ Acts 1899; Burns 26-516, 26-519; Baldwin 5380, 5383.

⁵¹ Acts 1859; Burns 26-701; Baldwin 16055. Acts 1889, 1907; Burns 29-801; Baldwin 7089. Acts 1905; Burns 29-1812; Baldwin 12453. Acts 1919; Burns 26-705; Baldwin 16059. Acts 1920 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 29-901; Baldwin 7091.

⁵² 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 41-501. Acts 1917, 1921, 1927; Burns 41-510; Baldwin 10321.

⁵³ Acts 1903; Burns 22-3201; Baldwin 4507.

⁵⁴ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1875, 1883, 1899, 1911; Burns 26-1101 to 26-1106; Baldwin 3802, 5288 to 5290, 5293, 5294.

⁵⁵ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-626; Baldwin 5285.

Besides its administrative functions, the board sits as a court in the trial of causes concerning county business. For the transaction of business it adopts its own regulations, but for court sessions it must comply, so far as practicable, with the rules for conducting business in the circuit court.⁵⁶ Appeals from its decisions can be taken to the circuit court pursuant to statute.⁵⁷ Appeals can be taken only from decisions involving judicial action;⁵⁸ there is no appeal from actions of the board of commissioners performed in a purely administrative capacity.⁵⁹

The board of commissioners provides polling places⁶⁰ and furnishes all ballot boxes and voting booths⁶¹ for general and special elections.

The board of commissioners constitutes the board of finance,⁶² and appoints the health officer⁶³ and the highway supervisor.⁶⁴

Official bonds of all county officers, except when otherwise specified by law, must be approved by the board of commissioners, which meets for that purpose at the auditor's office, either in term time or in vacation, without advance call, whenever the occasion arises.⁶⁵

The officers of the commissioners' court are the sheriff and the auditor; they serve at all sessions of the board, regular and special. The sheriff attends all meetings and executes the orders of the commissioners.⁶⁶ The auditor, as clerk of the board of commissioners, attends its meetings, keeps a record of the proceedings, and preserves all the books and

⁵⁶ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-617; Baldwin 5228.

⁵⁷ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-901; Baldwin 5277. Acts 1879 (Spec. Sess.), 1885; Burns 26-820; Baldwin 5275.

⁵⁸ State ex rel. Starry v. Board of County Commissioners, 136 Ind. 207, 35 N. E. 1100. See also Burns, 6:302-3, annotations to sec. 26-820; Baldwin, pp. 1157-58, annotations to sec. 5275, for other court decisions.

⁵⁹ Platter v. Board of County Commissioners, 103 Ind. 360, 2 N. E. 544. See also Burns, 6:303, annotations to sec. 26-901; Baldwin, pp. 1158-59, annotations to sec. 5277.

⁶⁰ Acts 1897; Burns 29-1121; Baldwin 7135.

⁶¹ Acts 1889; Burns 29-1101; Baldwin 7101. Acts 1920 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 29-909; Baldwin 7154.

⁶² Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 61-629; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-50.

⁶³ Acts 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 35-118; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 8404-1.

⁶⁴ Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110; Baldwin 8708.

⁶⁵ Acts 1852; (Spec. Sess.); Burns 49-123; Baldwin 13093.

⁶⁶ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-611; Baldwin 5226.

papers touching the business of the county in his office.⁶⁷
All the records are located in the courthouse.

PROCEEDINGS AND REPORTS

1. COMMISSIONERS' RECORD, 1821-. 29 vols. (A-Z, A1-A3). Minutes of meetings of board of commissioners concerning budgets, road contracts, bridges, ditches, building repairs, and other county business, showing date and place of meeting, names of members present, subjects discussed, and action taken. Also contains: Record of Proceedings [Board of Finance], 1936-, entry 209. 1821-51, 1881-, indexed alph. by titles of subjects; for index, 1852-80, see entry 2. 1821-1915, hdw.; 1916-, typed. 550 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 26 vols., 1821-1915, aud. off.; 3 vols., 1916-, aud. pvt. off.

2. GENERAL INDEX TO COMMISSIONERS' RECORD, 1852-80. 1 vol. Partial index to Commissioners' Record, entry 1, showing title of subject and volume and page reference to recording. Arr. alph. by titles of subjects. Hdw. 592 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud. off.

3. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' DOCKET, 1873-. 18 vols. (1-14, 16, 16-18).

Docket of causes filed for action in commissioners' court, showing date of filing, names of principals, nature of cause, and action taken. Arr. by dates of filing. Hdw. 490 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. 15 vols., 1873-1909, stor. rm., 3d floor; 2 vols., 1910-29, aud. off.; 1 vol. 1930-, aud. pvt. off.

4. LIQUOR LICENSES, 1894-1915. 2 cartons. Discontinued in 1919. Kept by state excise director, 1933-34, and by alcoholic beverage commission of Indiana, 1935-.

Applications for licenses to sell intoxicating liquors, showing date of application, names of applicant and sureties, amount of bond, and location of business. Arr. by dates of applications. Hdw. 5 x 10 x 12. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

5. RETAILER'S BOND RECORD, 1894-1917. 3 vols. (1-3). Discontinued in 1919.

Record of bonds posted by dealers in alcoholic liquors, showing date posted, names of dealer and sureties, location of business, conditions of bond, and certification of auditor. Indexed alph. by names of dealers. 1894-1912, hdw.; 1913-17, typed. 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. 1 vol., 1894-1901, stor. rm., 3d floor; 2 vols., 1902-17, aud. off.

⁶⁷ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-611, 26-621, 49-3004; Baldwin 5226, 5238, 5418.

6. JAIL REPORTS—POOR ASYLUM REPORTS, 1915—. 1 file box, 1 file drawer

Poor asylum superintendent's reports of income, operation expenses, and condition of property, showing date of report, itemized statement of operating expenses, statement of farm products sold and amount realized, and condition of buildings. Also contains: [Jail Repair Contracts], entry 10. Arr. by dates of reports. Hdw. and typed. File box, 10 x 5 x 14; file drawer, 4 x 10 x 12. Aud. off.

BOND ISSUES

7. BOND REGISTER, 1879—. 3 vols. (2, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of bonds issued and sold to finance the repair or construction of roads, showing date, number, title, and amount of bond; rate of interest; name of purchaser; and dates due and paid. Arr. alph. by titles of bonds. Hdw. 422 pp. 19 x 13 x 2. Aud. pvt. off.

8. REDEEMED BONDS AND COUPONS, 1900—. 8 cartons, 34 file boxes, 6 file drawers.

Redeemed bonds and interest coupons thereto, issued by county for construction and maintenance of all roads, ditches, and buildings, showing dates of bond, maturity, and redemption; number, amount, and conditions of bond; names of purchaser and bond; and rate of interest. Arr. by dates of bonds. Hdw. Cartons, 10 x 14 x 18; file boxes, 8 x 10 x 12; file drawers, 5 x 10 x 12. 8 cartons, 8 file boxes, 1900-1930, stor. rm., 3d floor; 26 file boxes, 6 file drawers, 1931-, treas. off.

BIDS AND CONTRACTS

9. BIDDERS' RECORD, 1935—. 1 vol.

Record of bids submitted for materials and supplies required for county, showing dates of bid, notice, and contract; names and addresses of bidders; nature and amount of bid; action of board of commissioners; and conditions of contract. Arr. by dates of bids. Hdw. 240 pp. 14 x 13 x 1½. Aud. pvt. off.

CLAIMS AND ALLOWANCES

10. [JAIL REPAIR CONTRACTS], 1923—. In Jail Reports—Poor Asylum Reports, entry 6.

Contracts let for miscellaneous supplies for county jail,

showing date, amount, and conditions of contract; name of contractor; type of repairs; itemized statement of supplies; and date of approval. Arr. by dates of contracts.

11. COMMISSIONERS' CLAIM AND ALLOWANCE RECORD, 1912-. 8 vols. (3-8, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of claims and allowances presented for consideration and action by board of commissioners, showing dates of claim and allowance; number, nature, and amount of claim; name of claimant; and number of warrant. Arr. by dates of claims. Hdw. 620 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. 1 vol., 1912-13, stor. rm., 3d floor; 6 vols., 1914-34, aud. off.; 1 vol., 1935-, aud. pvt. off.

For prior records, see entry 12.

12. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' CLAIM DOCKET, 1839-1916. 16 vols. (1-16).

Record of claims filed with board of commissioners for action, showing date, number, amount, and nature of claim; name of claimant; and dates of filing and action. Arr. by dates of filing. Hdw. 500 pp. 16 x 13 x 3. Aud. off.

For subsequent records, see entry 11.

13. CLAIMS ALLOWED, 1901-. 13 cartons, 42 boxes, 3 file boxes.

Claims presented to commissioners for allowance and payment, including salaries and expenses of county officials, gravel road construction and repair, building maintenance, institutional expenses, poor relief, and miscellaneous expenses, showing date, number, amount, and nature of claim; date of allowance; and name of claimant. Arr. by dates of allowances. Hdw. Cartons, 10 x 12 x 14; boxes, 5 x 10 x 12; file boxes, 8 x 5 x 10. 13 cartons, 42 boxes, 1901-30, stor. rm., 3d floor; 3 file boxes, 1931-, aud. pvt. off.

14. REGISTER OF TURNPIKE ALLOWANCES, 1899-1924. 3 vols. (1-3). Title varies: Turnpike Allowance Record.

Register of allowances made by commissioners for repair and maintenance of turnpikes, showing date, number, amount, and nature of claim; date and amount of warrant; and name of payee. Arr. by dates of claims. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Aud. off.

For subsequent records, see entry 11.

15. BURIAL RECORD OF SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AND MARINES, 1895-96. 1 vol.

Record of county burial expenses for soldiers, sailors, and marines, showing dates of enlistment and death; name, rank, company, regiment, age, and former occupation of deceased;

total expenses; and place of burial. Arr. alph. by names of deceased. Hdw. Condition poor. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 1½. Aud. off.

For other military records, see entries 57, 58, 94.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

16. ROAD RECORD, 1857-. 19 vols. (1 vol. not numbered, 1, 1-17). Title varies: 1857-60, Road Docket.

Record of proceedings of commissioners' court on petitions for improvements and new roads, showing date of meeting, names of petitioners, subjects discussed, name and location of road, and decision of court. Indexed alph. by names of roads. Hdw. 590 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 1 vol., 1857-June 1, 1860, stor. rm., 3d floor; 18 vols., June 4, 1860-, aud. off.

For prior records, see entry 1.

17. [PETITIONS], 1894-. 13 cartons, 1 file drawer, 2 file boxes. Title varies: 1901-9, Gravel Road Petitions; 1914-23, Miscellaneous Petitions.

Petitions for repairing and constructing roads and bridges, opening dirt roads, and vacating streets and alleys, showing date, nature, and number of petition; names of petitioners; location and description of project; and action taken. Arr. by dates of petitions. Hdw. and typed. Cartons, 18 x 20 x 12; file drawer, 2 x 16 x 18; file boxes, 10 x 5 x 14. 13 cartons, 1894-1934, stor. rm., 3d floor; 1 file drawer, 2 file boxes, 1914-23, 1935-, aud. off.

For record of action on petitions, see entry 16.

18. [ROAD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT], 1884-. 10 file boxes.

Reports on expenditures for labor and materials for maintenance of county roads, showing date of report; names of vendor, employee, and township; type of road work; kind and quantity of materials used; and total cost of labor and material. Arr. by twps., thereunder by dates of reports. 10 x 5 x 14. 6 file boxes, 1884-1930, stor. rm., 3d floor; 3 file boxes, 1931-36, aud. off.; 1 file box, 1937-, aud. pvt. off.

19. RECORD OF REPORTS OF ROAD SUPERVISORS, 1899. 1 vol. Road supervisors' reports to commissioners of expenditures for repair of gravel roads in various townships, showing date of report; road district; name of township; date, amount, and purpose of expenditure; cost of labor and material furnished; and total cost. Arr. by dates of reports. Hdw. 640 pp. 16 x 11 x 3. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

20. COMMISSIONERS' RECORD, 1893-98. 1 vol. Subtitled: Commissioners' Turnpike Record.

Record of proceedings of meetings of board of turnpike directors, showing date of meeting, names of members present, business discussed, and action taken. Arr. by dates of meetings. Hdw. 340 pp. 16 x 11 x 1. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

For prior and subsequent records, see entry 16.

21. [REPORT OF TURNPIKE DIRECTORS], 1899-1911. 2 cartons. Reports of turnpike directors on petitions, showing dates of report and meeting, names of members present, date and nature of petition submitted, and action taken. Arr. by dates of reports. Hdw. 10 x 12 x 10. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

For prior and subsequent records, see entry 16.

II. COUNTY COUNCIL

The Greene County Council is a statutory body, created by the general assembly in 1899,¹ and consists of seven members who must be qualified voters and resident freeholders of the county. They are elected for four-year terms and take office ten days after election. The county is divided into four councilmanic districts, from each of which one councilman is elected by the voters of the district, and three councilmen-at-large are elected by the voters of the whole county.²

Prior to the creation of the county council, the fiscal powers of the county were vested in the board of commissioners.³

The regular annual meeting of the council is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of September for the purposes of fixing the tax rate, imposing the tax levy, and making appropriations, and continues from day to day until its business is completed. Special meetings may be called by the auditor or a majority of the members. All sessions must be public.⁴ Although a majority of the council constitutes a quorum, the passage of ordinances requires a majority vote of all members,⁵

¹ Acts 1899; Burns 26-501; Baldwin 5365.

² Acts 1899; Burns 26-502, 26-504; Baldwin 5366, 5368. Acts 1899, 1907; Burns 26-505; Baldwin 5369.

³ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 6, sec. 1; ch. 20, secs. 17, 18, 21, 22. Acts 1899; Burns 26-549; Baldwin 5413.

⁴ Acts 1899; Burns 26-508; Baldwin 5372. Acts 1899, 1931; Burns 26-507; Baldwin 5371.

⁵ Acts 1899; Burns 26-511; Baldwin 5375.

and extraordinary majorities are required by law in certain instances: A three-fourths vote to increase or insert an item in the budget estimates submitted by the county agencies through the auditor;⁶ a two-thirds vote of all members to make additional appropriations at special meetings.⁷

The power of fixing the tax rate for county purposes and for all purposes where it is not fixed by law and is required to be uniform throughout the county, is vested exclusively in the council, likewise the power of making appropriations of money to be paid out of the county treasury.⁸ The council passes on all budget estimates submitted by county officials⁹ and makes emergency appropriations.¹⁰

The council has exclusive power to authorize the borrowing of money for the county and the issuing of bonds.¹¹ No sale or purchase by the county of real estate of the value of a thousand dollars or more can be made without authorization by the council.¹²

The council elects from its membership a presiding officer and a presiding officer pro tem.,¹³ and chooses one of its members as a member of the board of tax adjustment.¹⁴ Upon a two-thirds vote of all members, it may expel any of its own members for violation of official duties or declare the seat of any member vacant by reason of disability or neglect.¹⁵ The auditor serves as clerk,¹⁶ and the sheriff is required to execute the orders of the council.¹⁷

The auditor, as clerk, keeps a journal of the proceedings of the council, and also keeps and preserves in his office its files and papers.¹⁸

The records are located in the courthouse.

⁶ Acts 1899; Burns 26-520; Baldwin 5384.

⁷ Acts 1899, 1907, 1913, 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 26-521; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 5385.

⁸ Acts 1899; Burns 26-515, 26-520; Baldwin 5379, 5384.

⁹ Acts 1899; Burns 26-520; Baldwin 5384.

¹⁰ Acts 1899, 1907, 1913, 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 26-521; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 5385.

¹¹ Acts 1899, 1921, 1929; Burns 26-532; Baldwin 5396.

¹² Acts 1899; Burns 26-534; Baldwin 5399.

¹³ Acts 1899, 1931; Burns 26-507; Baldwin 5371.

¹⁴ Acts 1937; Burns 1938 suppl., 64-310; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 15897-4.

¹⁵ Acts 1899; Burns 26-512; Baldwin 5376.

¹⁶ Acts 1899; Burns 26-509; Baldwin 5373.

¹⁷ Acts 1899; Burns 26-510; Baldwin 5374.

¹⁸ Acts 1899; Burns 26-509; Baldwin 5373.

22. COUNTY COUNCIL RECORD, 1899-. 1 vol.

Minutes of meetings of county council, showing date of meeting, names of members present, business discussed, and action taken. Arr. by dates of meetings. 1899-Apr. 1923, hdw.; Sept. 1923-, typed. 800 pp. 18 x 12 x 4. Aud. pvt. off.

III. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

The clerk of the Greene County Circuit Court, commonly referred to as "county clerk", is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term. No person is eligible to the office of clerk of the circuit court for more than eight years in any twelve-year period.¹ The clerk is required to give bond in the amount fixed by the board of commissioners.²

Prior to the Constitution of 1851, the office of clerk of the circuit court was established in Greene County, under the authority of the Constitution of 1816,³ and an act of 1818, concerning the organization of new counties.⁴ A clerk was elected at the first election in Greene County—held soon after its organization—commissioned by the governor of the state on April 27, 1821, and sworn into office on June 4.⁵

The clerk is required to attend, in person or by deputy, the Greene Circuit Court,⁶ to draw up a record of the proceedings of the court daily,⁷ to administer oaths,⁸ and to receive payments for all judgments of record in his office.⁹ He also prepares the budget estimates for the circuit court.¹⁰

In addition to his court duties, numerous other duties are imposed upon the clerk by statute. He serves ex officio as registration officer for the county¹¹ and as a member and

¹ Const., art. 6, sec. 2. 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2701; Baldwin 1427.

² Acts 1875; Burns 49-2703, 49-2704; Baldwin 1430, 1431.

³ Const. 1816, art. 5, sec. 8.

⁴ Acts 1817-18 (special), ch. 3, sec. 1.

⁵ Record Book A [Executive Proceedings under the Government of the State of Indiana, November 7, 1816-November 2, 1823], April 27, 1821. Commissioners' Record, A:17.

⁶ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2706; Baldwin 1433.

⁷ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1885, 1933; Burns 4-324; Baldwin 1413.

⁸ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2708; Baldwin 1435.

⁹ Acts 1875; Burns 49-2719; Baldwin 1438.

¹⁰ Acts 1899; Burns 26-516; Baldwin 5380.

¹¹ Acts 1933, 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 29-306; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 7304.

clerk of the county election boards.¹² Other important duties are the issuance of marriage licenses;¹⁸ professional licenses, such as physicians',¹⁴ dentists',¹⁵ and optometrists';¹⁶ hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses;¹⁷ and business licenses, such as poultry dealers',¹⁸ and junk dealers'.¹⁹ He approves, files, and keeps a record of the bonds of county and township officers, unless other provision is made by law,²⁰ and of notaries public;²¹ and registers the certificates of trained nurses.²² He records certificates of firms and partnerships doing business under any name, designation, or title other than the real names of their members.²³

The clerk is required to preserve in his office all records and writings appertaining to his official duties, to indorse the time of filing all papers, and to keep, for each court named above, separate and distinct records as may be necessary to its transactions.²⁴

All the records are located in the courthouse.

OFFICIAL BONDS

(See also entries 316-19)

23. OFFICIAL BOND RECORD, 1845-1904. 2 vols. (C, D).
1905-, in Miscellaneous Bond, entry 30.

Register of bonds posted by county officials to insure perform-

¹² Acts 1899; Burns 29-1002; Baldwin 7109. Acts 1905; Burns 29-1402; Baldwin 7378. Acts 1915, 1917; Burns 29-504; Baldwin 7190.

¹⁸ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 44-201; Baldwin 5622.

¹⁴ Acts 1897; Burns 63-1303; Baldwin 10705.

¹⁵ Acts 1913, 1931, 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 63-504; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 5589.

¹⁶ Acts 1907, 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 63-1011; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 13182.

¹⁷ Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 11-1403; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 8229-3.

¹⁸ Acts 1917, 1929, 1932 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 42-802; Baldwin 10486.

¹⁹ Acts 1905; Burns 42-703; Baldwin 10462.

²⁰ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-105; Baldwin 13063. 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2706; Baldwin 1433. Acts 1857; Burns 49-124; Baldwin 13077.

²¹ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1855; Burns 49-3503; Baldwin 13016.

²² Acts 1905, 1913, 1931; Burns 63-903; Baldwin 13036.

²³ Acts 1909; Burns 50-201, 50-202; Baldwin 13210, 13211.

²⁴ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2706; Baldwin 1433. Acts 1871; Burns 4-1415; Baldwin 1608 Acts 1879 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 49-2722; Baldwin 1442. Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 2-813, 2-3314; Baldwin 94, 524. Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.), 1883; Burns 6-2205, 6-2206; Baldwin 3014, 3288. Acts 1903, 1913, 1931, 1935, 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 9-2801; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 1759. Acts 1907; Burns 4-2918; Baldwin 1795. Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 61-623; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-44.

ance of duties in office, showing date, amount, and conditions of bond; names of official and sureties; and dates of commission and expiration. 1845-74, arr. by names of officials. 1875-1904, indexed alph. by names of officials; for separate index, 1875-90, 1895-1918, see entry 24. Hdw. 357 pp. 17 x 16 x 2½. Clk. rec. rm.

24. OFFICIAL BOND INDEX RECORD, 1875-90, 1895-1918. 2 vols.

Partial index to Official Bond Record, entry 23, and Miscellaneous Bond, entry 30, showing date and amount of bond, names and addresses of official and sureties, and volume and page reference to recording. Arr. alph. by names of officials. Hdw. 637 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 1 vol., 1875-90, stor. rm., 3d floor; 1 vol., 1895-1918, clk. rec. rm.

25. [OFFICIAL BONDS], 1907-29. 1 file box (674).

Original bonds posted by county officials to insure faithful performance of duties, showing date, amount, term, and conditions of bond; and names of official and sureties. Arr. by dates of bonds. Hdw. 5 x 4 x 10. Clk. rec. rm.

26. JUSTICE BOND RECORD, 1878-. 2 vols. (1, 2).

Record of bonds posted by justices of the peace, showing date and amount of bond, names of justice and sureties, and dates of commission or appointment and expiration. Indexed alph. by names of justices. Hdw. 424 pp. 16 x 11 x 2½. Clk. rec. rm.

27. CONSTABLE BOND, 1880-1922. 1 vol.

Record of bonds posted by constables, showing date, amount, and obligation of bond; names of constable and sureties; and dates of commission or appointment and expiration. Indexed alph. by names of constables. Hdw. 424 pp. 12 x 16 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent records, see entry 30.

28. NOTARIAL BOND RECORD, 1895-. 5 vols. (1-4, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of bonds posted by notaries public, showing date and amount of bond, names of notary and sureties, and expiration of bond. Indexed alph. by names of notaries. Hdw. 424 pp. 16 x 11 x 2½. Clk. rec. rm.

29. [NOTARY PUBLIC BONDS], 1847-. 34 file boxes.

Original bonds posted by notaries public, showing date, amount, and conditions of bond; names of notary and sureties; and dates of commission and expiration. Arr. by dates of bonds. Hdw. 8 x 5 x 10. Clk. rec. rm.

30. MISCELLANEOUS BOND, 1879-. 2 vols. (1, 2).

Record of bonds posted by county and township officials, by

administrators, executors, and guardians to sell real estate, by individuals to insure costs in court causes, and by plaintiffs for appeal costs, showing date and amount of bond; names of persons bonded, and sureties; and conditions and expiration of bond. Also contains: Official Bond Record, 1905-, entry 23. Indexed alph. by names of persons bonded; for separate index of official bonds, 1875-90, 1895-1918, see entry 24. Hdw. and typed. 599 pp 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES

MARRIAGE

(See also entry 352)

31. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1821-28, 1833-. 43 vols. (1, 1-21, C-H, J-S, 5, 6, and 3 vols. not numbered). Title varies: Record of Applications for Marriage Licenses. Record of marriage applications, licenses, and returns, showing dates of application, license, and return; names, ages, birthplaces, occupations, residences, and personal and family histories of bride and groom; and names of parents and party officiating. Indexed alph. by names of brides and grooms. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

32. [APPLICATIONS FOR MARRIAGE LICENSES], 1883-. 28 file boxes.

Original applications for marriage licenses, showing date of application; names, ages, birthplaces, occupations, residences, and personal and family histories of applicants; and names of parents. Arr. by dates of applications. Hdw. 8 x 5 10. Clk. rec. rm.

33. [MARRIAGE RETURNS], 1859-. 39 file boxes.

Marriage certificates returned to clerk by officiating party of ceremony, showing date of return; names, ages, and residences of bride and groom; date and place of marriage; and name of person officiating. Arr. by dates of returns. Hdw. 8 x 5 x 10. 38 file boxes, 1859-1933, clk. rec. rm.; 1 file box, 1934-, clk. off.

34. MARRIAGE AFFIDAVIT, 1882-1907. 2 vols. (2, and 1 vol. not numbered). After 1907, affidavit included with application.

Record of affidavits of witnesses testifying to ages of persons applying for marriage licenses, showing date of affidavit, names of applicants and affiant, and statement of testimony. Arr. alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

PHYSICIANS

35. RECORD OF PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE, 1885-. 2 vols.

Record of certificates and licenses issued to physicians to practice medicine in county, showing name and address of physician, dates of license and diploma, name of college attended, and number of certificate issued by state board of medical examiners. Indexed alph. by names of physicians. Hdw. 496 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 1 vol., 1885-June 1897, 1929-, clk. off., 1 vol., July 1897-1928, clk. rec. rm.

36. PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS, 1897-. 3 file boxes.

(419, 671, and 1 file box not numbered).

Certificates issued by state boards to physicians, optometrists, dentists, nurses, and presented to clerk to obtain licenses to practice in county, showing number and date of certificate, and names of registrant and institution from which graduated. Arr. by dates of certificates. Hdw. 8 x 5 x 10. Clk. rec. rm.

DENTISTS

(See also entry 36)

37. RECORD OF DENTIST LICENSE, 1899-. 1 vol.

Record of applications for and licenses issued to dentists to practice in county, showing dates and numbers of application and certificate; name, age, birthplace, and address of applicant; and college attended. Indexed alph. by names of dentists. Hdw. 75 pp. 16 x 10 x 1/2. Clk. off.

OPTOMETRISTS

(See also entry 36)

38. OPTOMETRY RECORD, 1907-. 1 vol.

Record of applications for and licenses issued to optometrists to practice in county, showing dates and numbers of application, certificate, and license; name and address of optometrist; and college attended. Indexed alph. by names of optometrists. Hdw. 240 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. Clk. off.

NURSES

(See also entry 36)

39. REGISTER OF TRAINED NURSES, 1920-. 1 vol.

Record of trained nurses registered in county, showing date of registration, name and address of nurse, and place of training and graduation. Indexed alph. by names of nurses. Hdw. 250 pp. 16 x 11 x 1. Clk. rec. rm.

VETERINARIAN

40. VETERINARY RECORD, 1901-5. 1 vol. After 1905 transferred to state livestock sanitary board.

Record of applications for and licenses issued to veterinarians to practice in county, showing dates and numbers of application and license, name and address of veterinarian, and college attended. Indexed alph. by names of veterinarians. Hdw. 300 pp. 11 x 16 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

COMMERCIAL

41. POULTRY DEALER'S LICENSE, 1917-. 1 vol.

Record of licenses issued to poultry dealers to purchase poultry, showing date of license and name and business address of dealer. Indexed alph. by names of dealers. Hdw. 320 pp. 13 x 11 x 1½. Clk. off.

42. RECORD OF JUNK DEALER'S LICENSE, 1905-. 1 vol.

Record of applications for and licenses issued to deal in junk materials, showing dates of application and license; and name, address, and place of business of dealer. Indexed alph. by names of dealers. Hdw. 180 pp. 14 x 8 x 1. Clk. off.

43. JUNK DEALER'S LICENSE, 1907-. 2 file boxes. (675, and 1 file box not numbered).

Applications of junk dealers for licenses to buy and sell junk materials, showing date and number of application; and name, residence, and place of business of applicant. Arr. alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 8 x 5 x 10. Clk. rec. rm.

44. PETTY MONEY LENDER'S LICENSE, 1914-16. 1 vol. 1917-32, issued by auditor of state; 1933-, issued by department of financial institutions.

Stub record of licenses issued by clerk to firms in small loan business, showing date and number of license, names of firm and bondsman, and date of expiration of license. Arr. by dates of licenses. Hdw. 50 pp. 10 x 17 x ½. Clk. rec. rm.

45. PATENT RECORD, 1869-. Last entry, 1910. 1 vol.

Record of letters of patent granted by U. S. Patent Office, showing date letters issued, name and address of patentee, and description of article patented. Indexed alph. by names of patentees. Hdw. 400 pp. 12 x 18 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

46. LETTERS PATENT, 1882-1919. 9 file boxes.

Certified copies of letters of patent rights granted by U. S. Patent Office, showing date letters issued, name and address of patentee, and description of article patented. Hdw. and typed. 8 x 5 x 10. Clk. rec. rm.

47. REGISTER OF INSURANCE CERTIFICATES, 1875-1920. 1 vol.
Discontinued—agents' licenses as now issued by state
are valid in every county.

Record of certificates issued by auditor of state to agents of insurance companies authorizing them to transact business in county, showing date of certificate, names and addresses of company and agent, and assets and liabilities of company. Arr. by dates of certificates. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 1. Clk. rec. rm.

48. [INSURANCE CERTIFICATES], 1873-1920. 34 file boxes.
Discontinued—agents' licenses as now issued by state
are valid in every county.

Certificates issued by auditor of state to agents of insurance companies authorizing them to transact business in county, showing date certificate issued, names and addresses of company and agent, and assets and liabilities of company. Arr. by dates of certificates. Hdw. 8 x 5 x 10. Clk. rec. rm.

49. APPLICATION FOR SIRE'S LICENSE, 1889-1913. 1 vol.

Record of applications and licenses issued for improved livestock breeding, showing date of application, name of owner, description and pedigree of sire, registry number, and date license issued. Indexed alph. by names of owners. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 1. Clk. rec. rm.

FIREARMS

50. [PERMIT TO CARRY FIREARMS], 1925—. Last entry, 1935.
2 vols.

Record of applications for and permits issued to carry firearms, showing dates of application and permit; name, address, and personal description of applicant; description of weapon; and reason for application. Arr. by dates of applications. Hdw. 75 pp. 17 x 11 x 1. Clk. off.

HUNTING AND FISHING

51. HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE, 1937—. 42 vols.

Stub record of hunting and fishing licenses granted by clerk, showing date of license; and name, address, age, and description of licensee. Arr. by dates of licenses. Hdw. 50 pp. 2 x 5 x ½. Clk. off.

52. [APPLICATIONS FOR FREE PERMIT-HUNTING AND FISHING], 1937—. 1 file drawer.

Applications of war veterans for free permits to hunt and fish, showing dates of application and issue; and name, residence, age, and date of birth of applicant. Arr. by dates of

applications. Hdw. 5 x 18 x 16. Clk. off.

53. PERMANENT FREE PERMIT, 1937-. 6 vols.

Stub record of free permits granted to war veterans for hunting and fishing, showing date of permit; and name, address, age, and personal description of licensee. Arr. by dates of permits. Hdw. 50 pp. 2 x 5 x ½. Clk. off.

54. [HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE REPORTS], 1937-. 1 file drawer.

Reports of sale of hunting and fishing licenses submitted by clerk to state conservation department, showing date of report, name of clerk, number and kind of license sold, and amount of fees collected. Arr. by dates of reports. Typed. 5 x 18 x 16. Clk. off.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS

55. RECORD OF FIRMS, PARTNERSHIPS, ETC., 1909-. 1 vol. Record of firms and partnerships engaged in business under names other than their own, showing date certificate issued, names and addresses of firms or partnerships and members, and nature of business. Indexed alph. by names of firms or partnerships. Hdw. 592 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

56. CERTIFICATES OF PARTNERSHIP, 1910-. 1 file box.

Certificates of firms or partnerships engaged in business under names other than their own, showing date of certificate, names and addresses of firm or partnership and members, and nature of business. Also contains: [Appointments and Oaths of Public Library Board Members], 1922-25, entry 59. Arr. by dates of certificates. Typed. 8 x 5 x 10. Clk. rec. rm.

MILITARY RECORDS

(See also entries 15, 94)

57. SOLDIERS' ENROLLMENT RECORD, 1886. 1 vol.

Record of residents of Greene County who served in Civil War and of their families and of widows and children of deceased soldiers, showing names and addresses of soldiers, their widows, and orphans; dates of enrollment and discharge; history of injuries to and diseases contracted by soldier during service period; rank, company, regiment; service period; and date and place of death. Arr. alph. by names of soldiers. Hdw. 375 pp. 16 x 11 x 1½. Clk. rec. rm.

58. LIST OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS, 1913-17. 1 file box.

List of soldiers, sailors, marines, and members of national

guard, showing date of registration; name, address, and age of enrollee; state from which enlisted; company and regiment; and war in which service was rendered. Arr. by dates of registration. Hdw. 8 x 5 x 10. Clk. rec. rm.

MISCELLANEOUS

59. [APPOINTMENTS AND OATHS OF MEMBERS OF PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD], 1922-25. In Certificates of Partnership, entry 56.

Appointments and oaths of persons appointed by school board to public library board, showing date of appointment, name of appointee, length of term, and oath and signature of appointee. Arr. by dates of appointments.

60. RECORD OF LICENSED ATTORNEYS, 1821-83. 1 vol.

Record of attorneys admitted to practice in Greene County Circuit Court, showing date of admittance, name of attorney, and volume and page reference to Civil Order Book, entry 128. Indexed alph. by names of attorneys. Hdw. 275 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

61. RECORD OF ESTRAYS, 1860-99, 1911-19. 2 vols. Title varies: Estray Book.

Transcripts of notices of finding and taking up of strayed animals, showing dates of finding and notice, names of finder and appraisers, and description of animal. Arr. by dates of notices. Hdw. 596 pp. 16 x 11 x 3. 1 vol., 1881-99, clk. rec. rm.; 1 vol., 1860-80, 1911-19, stor. rm., 3d floor.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

62. DAILY BALANCE AND CASH STATEMENT, 1938-. 1 vol.

Record of clerk's daily balance of cash, showing date of statement, names of depository and fund, balance in bank, amount of receipts and disbursements during day, amount deposited, and balance in each fund. Arr. by dates of statements. Hdw. 350 pp. 12 x 10 x 2. Clk. off.

63. CASH BOOK OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1924-. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of receipts and disbursements of accounts in custody of clerk, showing date, amount, and nature of receipt or disbursement; names of payee or payer and fund; and balance. Arr. by dates of receipts or disbursements. Hdw. 550 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. Clk. off.

For prior records, see entries 64 and 65.

64. CASH BOOK [Receipts], 1894-July 1924. 4 vols. (1, 2, 2, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of money received by clerk, showing date and number of receipt, names of payer and fund, and amount and purpose of payment. Arr. by dates of receipts. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 14 x 2. 2 vols., 1894-1912, stor. rm., 3d floor; 2 vols., 1913-24, clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent records, see entry 63.

65. CASH BOOK, DISBURSEMENTS, 1879-July 1924. 4 vols.

Record of disbursements from accounts in custody of clerk, showing date, number, amount, and purpose of check; names of payee, depository, and account; and total disbursements. Arr. by dates of disbursements. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 14 x 2. 2 vols., 1879-1911, stor. rm., 3d floor; 2 vols., 1912-July 1924, clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent records, see entry 63.

MAPS

66. PROFILES OF THE TERRE HAUTE AND INDIANAPOLIS RAILWAYS, 1876-79. 2 blueprints.

Blueprints of the Terre Haute and Indianapolis Railways, showing profiles and sections of tracks. No scale given. 36 x 18. Clk. rec. rm.

IV. RECORDER

The recorder is a constitutional officer elected for a four-year term. No person is eligible to hold the office of recorder for more than eight years in any twelve-year period. The recorder is required to post bond in the amount of four thousand dollars.¹

Prior to the Constitution of 1851, the office of recorder was established in Greene County under the authority of the Constitution of 1816² and an act of 1818 concerning the organization of new counties.³ George Shroyer was elected recorder at the special election in Greene County, held soon after its organization, and was commissioned by the governor April 27, 1821. There is no evidence that he ever qualified

¹ Const. art. 6, sec. 2. 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1901; Burns 49-3201; Baldwin 5469.

² Const. 1816, art. 11, sec. 10.

³ Acts 1817-18 (special), ch. 3, sec. 1.

and was sworn in. Thomas Warnick, the clerk of the circuit court, performed the duties of recorder until 1827, when he was elected recorder, as well as clerk of the circuit court.⁴ It was not uncommon in the early days for the same man to hold both offices.

The title of this officer describes his functions—to make and preserve a public record of legal documents which he is bound by law to record for both county officials and private persons.⁵ Of the many kinds of instruments recorded the more important are: Deeds and mortgages;⁶ satisfactions, cancellations, and assignments of any kind;⁷ releases;⁸ mechanic's liens;⁹ leases;¹⁰ articles of incorporation;¹¹ certificates of admission for foreign corporations to do business in Indiana;¹² cemetery deeds;¹³ and articles of cemetery associations.¹⁴ He files chattel mortgages;¹⁵ registers farm names;¹⁶ and records, without fee, soldiers' and sailors' discharge papers.¹⁷ Also without fee, he files old-age assistance award certificates, which establish liens against estates of recipients to insure county reimbursement for assistance rendered. He enters, in a separate book, an abstract of such certificates.¹⁸

⁴ Record Book A [Executive Proceedings under the Government of the State of Indiana], April 27, 1821. *History of Greene and Sullivan Counties*, 37, 74. *Biographical Memoirs of Greene County*, 1:118, 119.

⁵ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1925; Burns 49-3205; Baldwin 5470.

⁶ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3210; Baldwin 5475.

⁷ Acts 1905; Burns 49-3203; Baldwin 5472. Acts 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 51-511; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 13227-11.

⁸ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 56-708; Baldwin 992. Acts 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 51-511; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 13227-11.

⁹ Acts 1909; Burns 43-704; Baldwin 10508.

¹⁰ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1875, 1913, 1921, 1923; Burns 56-119; Baldwin 14671.

¹¹ Acts 1929; Burns 25-219; Baldwin 4919. Acts 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 25-527; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 4989-21.

¹² Acts 1929; Burns 25-305; Baldwin 4963. Acts 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 25-527; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 4989-21.

¹³ Acts 1925; Burns 21-223; Baldwin 4648.

¹⁴ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 25-1520; Baldwin 10599.

¹⁵ Acts 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 51-510; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 13227-10. Acts 1935, 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 51-515; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13227-15.

¹⁶ Acts 1913; Burns 49-3226; Baldwin 5488.

¹⁷ Acts 1925; Burns 59-1002 to 59-1004; Baldwin 11002 to 11004.

¹⁸ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1938 suppl., 52-1207; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-38.

The forms and methods to be used by the recorder are described in detail in the statutes. He keeps an entry book in which he enters, as filed, all instruments delivered to him for recording, noting day and hour received, which time is the legal date of recording.¹⁹ In addition to the records enumerated above, he keeps a fee book and a cashbook, and enters therein, as received, all money received in his office.²⁰ He is required to index his records, both in each volume and in complete or general indexes.²¹

All records are located in the courthouse.

ENTRY OF INSTRUMENTS FOR RECORDING

67. ENTRY BOOK, 1833-. 19 vols. (3-19, A, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Entries of all instruments to be recorded, showing date, number, and kind of instrument; time received; names of principals; amount of fee; and location and description of property. Arr. by instrument nos. Hdw. Condition fair. 638 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. 17 vols., 1833-June 29, 1936, recr. rec. rm.; 2 vols., June 30, 1936-, recr. off.

LAND TRANSFERS

DEEDS AND TITLES

68. DEED RECORD, 1822-. 141 vols. (A-Z, 1-114, and 1 vol. not numbered). Title varies: Miscellaneous Deed Record.

Transcripts of conveyance of titles to real property, showing dates of instrument and recording, names of principals, location and description of property, and amount of consideration. Also contains: Cemetery Deed Record, 1822-98, entry 70; Tax Title Deed Records, 1822-1901, entry 71; Quiet Title Record, 1822-1907, 1934-, entry 72; Mortgage Record, 1822-44, entry 80. Indexed alph. by names of principals; for separate index, see entry 69. 1822-1907, hdw.; 1908-, typed. 448 pp. 16 x 11 x 2½. Recr. rec. rm.

¹⁹ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3211; Baldwin 14665. 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1925; Burns 49-3205; Baldwin 5470.

²⁰ Acts 1895; Burns 49-1401; Baldwin 7576.

²¹ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3209, 49-3217, 49-3218; Baldwin 5471, 5481, 5482. 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1855; Burns 49-3216; Baldwin 5480.

69. GENERAL INDEX TO DEEDS, 1822-. 44 vols. (4, 1-20, 1-20, and 3 vols. not numbered).

Double index to Deed Record, entry 68, one set by grantor, one set by grantee, showing names of grantors and grantees, location and description of property, and volume and page reference to recording. Arr. alph. by names of grantors and grantees. Hdw. 600 pp. 17 x 11 x 2. 40 vols., 1822-1934, recr. rec. rm.; 2 vols., 1858-71, stor. rm., 3d floor; 2 vols., 1935-, recr. off.

70. CEMETERY DEED RECORD, 1899-. 1 vol. 1822-98, in Deed Record, entry 68.

Transcripts of conveyance of title to cemetery lots, showing dates of deed and recording, names of grantor and grantee, location and description of property, and amount of consideration. Indexed alph. by names of grantors and grantees. Hdw. 296 pp. 18 x 12 x 1½. Recr. rec. rm.

71. TAX TITLE DEED RECORDS, 1902-. Last entry 1935. 3 vols. (1-3). 1822-1901, in Deed Record, entry 68. Transcripts of deeds for conveyance of property sold for delinquent taxes, showing date of deed, name and address of grantee, location and description of property, and amount of consideration. Indexed alph. by names of grantees. Hdw. 590 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

For Register of Tax Sales, see entry 300.

72. QUIET TITLE RECORD, 1908-33. 1 vol. 1822-1907, 1934-, in Deed Record, entry 68.

Transcripts of court action in suits involving titles to real estate, showing date and nature of decree, name of petitioner, and location and description of property. Arr. by dates of decrees. For index, see entry 73. Hdw. and typed. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

73. INDEX TO QUIET TITLE RECORDS, 1908-33. 1 vol. Index to Quiet Title Record, entry 72, showing date of decree, name of plaintiff, and volume and page reference to recording. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 480 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

74. [BLOOMFIELD RECORD OF SALE LOTS], 1924-. 1 vol. Record of sale of lots in Bloomfield by order of board of county commissioners, showing date and reason for sale, names of grantor and grantee, number of lot, and amount of consideration. Arr. by dates of sales. Hdw. 100 pp. 16 x 6 x ½. Recr. rec. rm.

75. TRACT BOOK, 1816-73. 3 vols. Record of original purchases of land in Greene County, show-

ing date and number of certificate of purchase, congressional township number, name of purchaser, location and description of land, and amount of consideration. Arr. by congressional twp. nos. Hdw. 195 pp. 17 x 12 x 1. Recr. rec. rm.

76. LIST OF SWAMPLANDS IN GREENE COUNTY, 1853. 1 vol. Record of persons purchasing swampland, showing date of purchase, name of purchaser, location and description of land, and amount of consideration. Arr. alph. by names of purchasers. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 1½. Recr. rec. rm.

PLATS

77. PLAT BOOK, 1852-. 3 vols. (1-3).

Sectional plats of lands in Greene County including cities, towns, and additions, showing name and number of plat, location and description of land, names of owner and surveyor, and date of recording. Also contains: Cemetery Plat Book, 1852-1925, entry 79. Arr. by dates of recording. For index, see entry 78. Hdw. 304 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

78. GENERAL INDEX OF PLAT BOOKS, 1852-. 1 vol.

General index to Plat Book, entry 77, showing date and name of plat and volume and page reference to recording. Arr. alph. by names of plats. Hdw. Condition fair. 50 pp. 18 x 11 x ½. Recr. rec. rm.

79. CEMETERY PLAT BOOK, 1926-. 1 vol. 1852-1925, in Plat Book, entry 77.

Plats of cemeteries of Greene County, showing date of plat; names of owner and cemetery; location, description, and number of lot; and plat of cemetery. Indexed alph. by names of cemeteries. Hdw. 450 pp. 20 x 24 x 2. Recr. rec. rm.

MORTGAGE TRANSACTIONS

(See also entries 205, 211)

REAL ESTATE

80. MORTGAGE RECORD, 1845-. 86 vols. (B-Z, A1-Z1, A2-Z2, A3-G3, J3, K3). 1822-44, in Deed Record, entry 68.

Record of mortgages given on real property to secure loans, showing date, terms, and amount of mortgage; names of mortgagor and mortgagee; and location and description of land. Also contains: School Fund Mortgage, 1845-53, entry 82; Chattel Mortgage Record, 1845-82, entry 83. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors and mortgagees; for separate index, see entry 81. 1845-1917, hdw.; 1918-, typed. 600 pp. 19 x 13 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

81. GENERAL INDEX OF MORTGAGES, 1826-. 27 vols. (2-14, 2-14, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Double index to mortgages, one set by mortgagor, one set by mortgagee, showing date of recording, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, amount of mortgage, location and description of property, and volume and page reference to Deed Record, 1826-44, entry 68; Mortgage Record, 1845-, entry 80. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors and mortgagees. Hdw. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 25 vols., 1826-1928, recr. rec. rm.; 2 vols., 1929-, recr. off.

82. SCHOOL FUND MORTGAGE, 1854-. 9 vols. (1-9).
1845-53, in Mortgage Record, entry 80.

Record of mortgages on real estate executed to secure school fund loans, showing dates of mortgage and maturity, name of mortgagor, description and location of property, and amount and terms of mortgage. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors. Hdw. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

For other school fund records, see entries 211, 212, 249, 303-15.

83. FEDERAL AND COMMISSIONERS' MORTGAGE RECORD, 1933-. 3 vols. (B4, H3, H3). Title varies: Mortgage Record, Federal Land Bank.

Record of real estate mortgages executed to secure Federal Land Bank loans, showing dates of mortgage and recording, amount and conditions of mortgage, rate of interest, location and description of property, and name of mortgagor. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors. Typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

84. HOME OWNERS' LOAN MORTGAGE RECORD, 1934-. 1 vol. (B4).

Record of real estate mortgages executed to secure Home Owners' Loan Corporation loans, showing dates of mortgage and recording, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, amount and conditions of mortgage, rate of interest, and location and description of property. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors. Typed. 592 pp. 19 x 12 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

CHATTEL

85. CHATTEL MINUTE BOOK, 1935-. 1 vol.

Record of mortgages executed to secure loans on personal property, showing date and amount of mortgage, time of filing, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description of property, and date of maturity. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors;

for separate index, see entry 86. Hdw. 544 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. off.

For subsequent records, see entry 88.

86. INDEX OF CHATTEL MORTGAGES, 1935-. 2 vols.

Index to Chattel Minute Book, entry 85, showing dates of mortgage, filing, recording, and satisfaction; number of instrument; names of mortgagor and mortgagee; amount of mortgage; and volume and page reference to recording. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagors and mortgagees. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Recr. off.

For prior records, see entry 89.

87. CHATTEL MORTGAGE, 1935-. 9 file boxes (A-I).

Original chattel mortgages executed to secure loans on personal property, showing date of execution and maturity, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, number and amount of mortgage, rate of interest, and description of property. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagors. Hdw. 5 x 12 x 18. Recr. off.

88. CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECORD, 1883-June 16, 1935. 36 vols. (1-36). 1822-44, in Deed Record, entry 68; 1845-82 in Mortgage Record, entry 80.

Transcripts of mortgages executed to secure loans on personal property, showing dates of mortgage and recording, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, amount of loan, rate of interest, and description of property. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors; for separate index, see entry 89. 1883-Sept. 22, 1908, hdw.; Sept. 25, 1908-35, typed. 590 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

89. GENERAL INDEX OF CHATTEL MORTGAGES, 1899-June 16, 1935. 2 vols. (1, 2).

Partial index to Chattel Mortgage Record, entry 88, showing dates of recording and satisfaction, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description of property, amount of mortgage, and volume and page reference to recording. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagors and mortgagees. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

RELEASES

90. RECORD OF SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGES, 1898-. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of satisfaction of mortgages and liens, showing names of principals; kind of instrument; dates of recording, satisfaction, and release; and volume and page references to Mortgage Record, entry 80; Chattel Minute Book, entry 85; Chattel Mortgage Record, entry 88; School Fund Mortgage, entry 82;

and Mechanics' Liens, entry 92. Arr. by dates of satisfaction. Hdw. 550 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. 2 vols., 1898-1928, recr. rec. rm.; 1 vol., 1929-, recr. off.

91. RELEASE RECORD, 1920-. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of releases of liens and mortgages on real and personal property, showing date of filing, release number, names of principals, description of property, and sworn statement of satisfaction. Indexed alph. by names of principals. Typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

For prior records, see entry 90.

LIENS

92. MECHANICS' LIENS, 1910-. 3 vols. (13-15).

Record of mechanics' liens taken to secure payment for material and labor, showing date and amount of lien, names of lienholder and property owner, location and description of property, list of materials furnished, and amount of labor. Indexed alph. by names of property owners. Typed. 464 pp. 11 x 17 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

For prior records, see entry 96.

93. SIRE LIEN RECORD, 1916-. 2 vols. (1, 2).

Record of liens executed to protect owners for stallion services, showing dates of lien and service; terms of lien; name, age, and description of sire; service charge; and names and addresses of owner and lienholder. Arr. alph. by names of owners. Hdw. and typed. 450 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½. 1 vol., 1916, stor. rm., 3d floor; 1 vol., 1917-, recr. rec. rm.

MILITARY RECORDS

(See also entries 15, 57, 58)

94. SOLDIERS' DISCHARGE RECORD, 1864-. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of soldiers' discharges from military service, showing date and place of discharge; name, age, color, address, and service record of soldier; and license privilege granted. Indexed alph. by names of soldiers. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Recr. rec. rm.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS

95. CORPORATION RECORD, 1910-. 2 vols. (1, 2). Title varies: Incorporation Record.

Record of articles of incorporation granted to organizations

operating in county, showing dates of instrument, authorization, and recording; names and addresses of organization and officers; and number of shares and par value of stock. Indexed alph. by names of organizations. Typed. 590 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

For prior records, see entry 96.

MISCELLANEOUS INSTRUMENT

96. MISCELLANEOUS RECORD, 1868-. 17 vols. (1, 7, 3-17). Record of miscellaneous instruments including contracts, mechanics' liens, articles of incorporation, leases, assignments, bills of sale, powers of attorney, mortgage releases and continuances, plat drawings of lands and additions, petitions, wills, and rights-of-way, showing date of recording; names of principals; and kind, terms, and conditions of instrument. Indexed alph. by names of principals. 1868-Aug. 11, 1911, hdw.; Aug. 17, 1911-, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

97. RECORD OF AFFIDAVITS, 1913-. 2 vols. (1, 2). Record of affidavits to prove heirship to property of persons who died intestate, showing number and date of affidavit; names of estate, affiant, and witnesses; and proof of identification. Indexed alph. by names of affiants. Typed. 590 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

For prior records, see entry 96.

98. ABSTRACT OLD-AGE ASSISTANCE, 1936-. 1 vol. Record of certificates of awards recorded as liens against property of old-age pension recipients, showing date and amount of certificate of award; application number, code and serial and certificate of award; name of recipient; and date of recording. Indexed alph. by names of recipients. Hdw. 539 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. off.

For other old-age assistance records, see entries 269, 357-62.

99. REGISTER OF FARM NAMES, 1913-28. 1 vol. Register of names assigned to farms, showing date of registration, names of owner and farm, and location and description of property. Indexed alph. by names of owners. Typed. 592 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

100. [UNCLAIMED DOCUMENTS], 1915-28. 1 file drawer. Legal instruments left for recording and uncalled for including deeds, mortgages, and transcripts of petitions for partition of real estate, showing date and kind of instrument,

date of recording, names of principals, and description and location of real estate. Arr. by dates of instruments. Hdw. and typed. 5 x 22 x 23. Recr. off.

101. INDENTURE RECORD, 1832-97. 1 vol.

Record of agreements to assume obligations of children's care and education in return for services performed, showing names of principals and date and conditions of contract. Indexed alph. by names of masters and apprentices. Hdw. 492 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

102. [RECORD OF STOCK MARKS], 1835-65. 1 vol.

Register of marks and brands for distinguishing livestock, showing date of recording, name and address of owner, kind of stock, and types of marks and brands. Arr. alph. by names of owners. Hdw. 260 pp. 16 x 11 x 1½. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

FEE AND CASH RECORDS

103. RECORDER'S FEE BOOK, 1895-. 13 vols. (5-9, and 8 vols. not numbered). Title varies: 1895-1909, Recorder's Cash Book; 1910-21, Fee and Cash Book.

Record of fees collected for recording instruments and summary of cash received, showing dates of collection and payment to treasurer, number and kind of instrument, amount of fee, and name of payer. Arr. by dates of collections. Hdw. Condition fair. 583 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½. 12 vols., 1895-1935, recr. rec. rm.; 1 vol., 1936-, recr. off.

MAPS

104. GREENE COUNTY, INDIANA, 1906. 1 map.

Political, land tenure, and communication map of Greene County, showing names of land-owners; county and township boundaries; and roads, railways, and streams. Black and white. No scale given. 19 x 30. Recr. off.

105. MAP OF LINTON, INDIANA, 1925. 1 map.

Map of town of Linton, showing original town, additions, cemeteries, lot and block numbers, streets, and state roads. Drawn by John A. Boudons, Linton. Black and white. Scale: 1" to 200'. 50 x 45. Recr. off.

106. PLAT OF BLOOMFIELD, 1933. 1 map.

Plat map of town of Bloomfield, showing original town, additions, cemeteries, lot and block numbers, and state roads. Drawn by H. S. Schloot, Bloomfield. Blueprint. No scale given. 45 x 36. Recr. off.

107. PLAT OF THE TOWN OF SWITZ CITY, 1932. 1 map. Blueprint of town of Switz City, showing original plat, additions, streets, highways, railroads, churches, schools, and lot and block numbers. Drawn by H. G. Schloot, Bloomfield. Blueprint. Scale: 1" to 125'. 24 x 20. Recr. off.

108. WORTHINGTON, GREENE COUNTY, INDIANA, 1912. 1 blueprint. Political and communication map of town of Worthington, showing boundaries and divisions of towns, streets, and alleys. Drawn by J. W. Padget. Blueprint. No scale given. 32 x 36. Recr. off.

V. CIRCUIT COURT

The circuit court, re-established by the Constitution of 1851, consists of one judge and is vested with such jurisdiction as is prescribed by law. The judge is elected by the voters of the circuit for a six-year term.¹ The sixty-third circuit since 1911 has comprised Greene County,² and the court is styled "Greene Circuit Court."³

On January 9, 1821, shortly after the approval of the act providing for its organization, Greene County was attached to the first circuit, which included ten other counties.⁴ It has formed a part of many other circuits from time to time, as the judicial system was expanded and the circuits became smaller—on December 31, 1821, it was transferred to the fifth circuit;⁵ in 1824, back to the first circuit;⁶ in 1830, to the seventh circuit;⁷ in 1839, to the tenth circuit;⁸ in 1852, to the sixth circuit;⁹ in 1873, to the fifteenth circuit;¹⁰ and in 1883, to the fourteenth circuit¹¹—until in 1911, the sixty-third circuit was created, embracing Greene

¹ Const., art. 7, secs. 1, 8, 9. Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 4-301; Baldwin 1395.

² Acts 1911; Burns 4-332; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 1415-1.

³ Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 4-302; Baldwin 1396.

⁴ Acts 1820-21, ch. 6, sec. 1.

⁵ Acts 1821-22, ch. 40, sec. 5.

⁶ Rev. Laws 1824, ch. 26, sec. 1.

⁷ Acts 1829-30, ch. 28, sec. 1.

⁸ Acts 1838-39 (general), ch. 2, sec. 1.

⁹ Acts 1851-52 (special and local), ch. 21, sec. 6.

¹⁰ Acts 1873, ch. 29, sec. 16.

¹¹ Acts 1883, ch. 13, sec. 1.

County only,¹² in which circuit it still remains.¹³

Under the authority of the Constitution of 1816 and an act of the same year, the court consisted of a president judge, appointed for the circuit by joint ballot of both houses of the general assembly, and two associate judges, elected in the county by the voters thereof.¹⁴ All these judges were commissioned by the governor of the state and held office for the term of seven years.¹⁵ Recess appointments were made by the governor when the general assembly was not in session.¹⁶ The president alone, in the absence of the associate judges, or any two judges—the president and one associate judge or the two associate judges, in the absence of the president—were competent to hold a court; but the presence of the president was required in capital cases and cases in chancery.¹⁷

The first term of circuit court was held in September 1821 at the residence of Thomas Bradford, one mile south of Bloomfield, with Jonathan Doty as president judge and John L. Buskirk, associate judge.¹⁸ Judge Doty was appointed presiding judge of the first circuit by the governor during a recess of the general assembly, December 9, 1819.¹⁹ On December 21, 1819, he received his appointment by a joint ballot of the Senate and House.²⁰ The first court held in Bloomfield was in May 1825 with Jacob Call as president judge.²¹

As then established, the circuit court had general jurisdiction in all civil and criminal causes and probate matters. Probate jurisdiction was vested in the associate judges of the court with the right of appeal to the entire court.²² From time to time, other courts have been created in Greene County with authority over various phases of judicial actions.

In 1829 a probate court was established in each county,

¹² Acts 1911, ch. 13, sec. 1.

¹³ Acts 1911; Burns 4-332; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 1415-1.

¹⁴ Const. 1816, art. 5, secs. 3, 7. Acts 1816-17, ch. 2, sec. 2.

¹⁵ Const. 1816, art. 5, sec. 4; art. 11, sec. 9.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, art. 4, sec. 9.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, art. 5, sec. 3.

¹⁸ *Biographical Memoirs of Greene County*, 1:161. Monks, Leander J., et al., editors, *Courts and Lawyers of Indiana*, 2:704.

¹⁹ H. J. 1819-20, p. 45; S. J. 1819-20, p. 28.

²⁰ H. J. 1819-20, p. 121; S. J. 1819-20, p. 68.

²¹ *Biographical Memoirs*, op. cit., 1:168. Monks, op. cit., 2:705.

²² Acts 1816-17, ch. 3, sec. 3. Acts 1817-18 (general), ch. 13, secs. 4, 9-11.

with original and exclusive jurisdiction in all probate matters. One judge was elected in each county and held office for a seven-year term.²³ The first probate judge in Greene County was Willis D. Lester.²⁴

The general assembly abolished the probate court in 1852;²⁵ and in the same year created the "Court of Common Pleas of Greene County" as a part of the district embracing Greene, Clay, Owen, and Sullivan Counties.²⁶ The first court of common pleas convened in January 1853 with William M. Franklin as judge.²⁷ The court of common pleas had original and exclusive jurisdiction in all probate matters, except in certain instances where concurrent jurisdiction was given to the circuit court or to some other court. It had concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court in all civil causes where the amount in controversy ranged from fifty to one thousand dollars, except in causes of slander, libel, breach of marriage contract, action on an official bond, or where the title of real estate was in issue; or in certain other civil causes. It had original jurisdiction in criminal causes not amounting to felony, except those over which justices of the peace had exclusive jurisdiction; in felony causes not punishable by death, providing the accused submitted to the jurisdiction of the court. It also had full power to try any criminal charge on change of venue from the circuit court.²⁸ The court of common pleas was abolished in 1873 and all its jurisdiction transferred to the circuit court.²⁹

The Greene Circuit Court has original exclusive jurisdiction in all causes at law and in equity whatsoever, and in criminal causes and actions for divorce, except where exclusive or concurrent jurisdiction is conferred by law upon justices of the peace. It has exclusive jurisdiction of the settlement of decedents' estates and of guardianships. It has such appellate jurisdiction as is conferred by law.³⁰ It has exclusive jurisdiction in slander³¹ and in all other

²³ Acts 1828-29, ch. 26, secs. 1, 2.

²⁴ *Biographical Memoirs, op. cit.*, 1:169. Monks, *op. cit.*, 2:710.

²⁵ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 92., sec. 1. 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1, ch. 8, sec. 43.

²⁶ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1, ch. 8, secs. 1, 3, 27.

²⁷ *Biographical Memoirs, op. cit.*, 1:196.

²⁸ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1, ch. 8, secs. 4, 11, 12, 14, 17.

²⁹ Acts 1873; Burns 4-328; Baldwin 1417.

³⁰ Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 4-303; Baldwin 1397.

³¹ Acts 1871; Burns 4-1411; Baldwin 1604.

causes, matters, and proceedings where exclusive jurisdiction thereof is not conferred by law upon some other court, board, or officer.³²

The court has power to make all proper judgments, sentences, decrees, orders, and injunctions; to issue all process; and to do such other acts as may be proper to carry the same into effect.³³ It adopts rules for the conduct of its business.³⁴

The chief officers of the court are the sheriff, the prosecuting attorney, and the clerk of the circuit court. The sheriff attends upon the court and executes all process directed to him therefrom.³⁵ The prosecuting attorney prosecutes the pleas of the state in the court.³⁶ The clerk of the circuit court draws up each day's proceedings at full length in the proper order book, which is signed by the circuit judge.³⁷ All causes are filed and entered in the office of the clerk of the circuit court, and numbered in consecutive order as filed.³⁸ The clerk is also charged by statute with the duty of keeping and preserving the official records of the court.³⁹

The records are located in the courthouse.

CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CAUSES

ENTRY OF CAUSES

109. GENERAL INDEX, 1822-. 8 vols. (1-8).

General index to civil and criminal records and papers, showing date of filing, cause number, names of plaintiff and defendant, and file box reference to [Civil and Criminal Causes], entry 114 and [Criminal Causes], entry 115; and volume and page reference to Civil Order Book, entry 128; Execution Docket, entry 133; Complete Record, entry 142; and Fee Book, entry 183. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

³² Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 4-303; Baldwin 1397.

³³ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 4-307; Baldwin 1400.

³⁴ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 4-313; Baldwin 1406.

³⁵ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2802; Baldwin 5494.

³⁶ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2501; Baldwin 5456.

³⁷ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1885, 1933; Burns 4-324; Baldwin 1413.

³⁸ Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 2-1053; Baldwin 158.

³⁹ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2706; Baldwin 1433.

110. ENTRY DOCKET, ISSUE DOCKET AND FEE BOOK, 1914-. 41 vols. (24-64).

Record of causes filed for action, processes issued, and costs assessed in civil actions, showing date of filing cause number; kind of action; names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; sheriff's return on processes; amount of fee; and volume and page reference to Civil Order Book, entry 128; Judgment Docket, entry 130; and Execution Docket, entry 133; and file box reference to [Civil and Criminal Causes], entry 114 and [Criminal Causes], entry 115. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 586 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 22 vols., 1914-June 21, 1928, clk. rec. rm.; 19 vols., June 22, 1928-, clk. off.

For prior Clerk's Entry Docket, see entry 111; for prior Entry Docket [Criminal], see entry 112; for prior Fee Book, see entry 183.

111. CLERK'S ENTRY DOCKET, 1859-Feb. 1914. 12 vols. (1, 2, 1-10).

Record of causes filed for action in circuit court, showing date of filing; number and nature of cause; names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; and date of issuing process. Arr. by dates of filing. Hdw. 590 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

For subsequent records, see entry 110.

112. ENTRY DOCKET, 1882-1914. 4 vols. (1-3, 3).

Calendar of criminal causes entered for trial in circuit court, showing dates of filing and issuing of process, names of defendant and attorneys, nature and number of cause, and sheriff's return. Arr. by dates of filing. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 10 x 1½. Clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent records, see entry 110.

113. ENTRY DOCKET, [Common Pleas], 1859-62, 1869-71. 2 vols. (1, 2).

Record of causes filed for action in common pleas court, showing term of court; date of filing; cause number; kind of action; names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; and date of judgment. Arr. by dates of filing. Hdw. 568 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS

114. [CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CAUSES], 1822-. 480 file boxes. Original documents filed in civil and criminal causes, including affidavits, writs, petitions, demurrers, motions, cross-complaints, and reports, showing date of filing; names of defendant, plaintiff, attorneys, and witnesses; cause number;

nature of instrument; and disposition of cause. Arr. by cause nos. For index, see entry 109. Hdw. 8 x 5 x 10. 2 file boxes, 1869-1908, stor. rm., 3d floor; 478 file boxes, 1822-, clk. rec. rm.

115. [CRIMINAL CAUSES], 1822-. 251 file boxes.

Original documents of criminal causes, including affidavits, indictments, motions, denials, bonds, writs, convictions, acquittals, and commitments, showing date of filing; cause number; type of instrument; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and witnesses; court proceedings; and disposition of cause. Arr. by cause nos. For index, see entry 109. Hdw. 8 x 5 x 10. Clk. rec. rm.

116. COMMON PLEAS, 1852-73. 71 file boxes.

Original documents filed in civil, criminal, and probate causes, including affidavits, writs, petitions, demurrers, motions, cross-complaints, reports, appointments, answers, and decrees, showing date and kind of action; cause number; names of plaintiff, defendant, and witnesses; and disposition. Arr. by cause nos. Hdw. 8 x 5 x 10. Clk. rec. rm.

CRIMINAL AFFIDAVITS AND INDICTMENTS

117. AFFIDAVIT RECORD, 1929-. 2 vols. (1, 2).

Record of affidavits charging criminal violations, showing date and number of affidavit; names of defendant, attorney, and affiant; and nature of offense. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Typed. 575 pp. 18 x 17 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

118. INDICTMENT RECORD, 1884-. 10 vols. (4-13).

Record of true bills returned by grand jury charging criminal offenses, showing date of indictment; name, age, and address of defendant; number and nature of cause; and names of state witnesses. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 584 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

119. [GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS], 1900-1908. 1 file box.

True bills returned by grand jury charging criminal offenses, showing date and term of court; name, address, and age of defendant; number and nature of cause; and names of state witnesses. Hdw. 8 x 5 x 10. Clk. rec. rm.

For prior and subsequent records, see entry 115.

BONDS

120. RECOGNIZANCE BONDS, 1900-. 4 vols. (1 vol. not numbered, 2-4).

Record of bonds posted by defendants to assure appearance in court, showing cause number; nature of action; names of defend-

ant and sureties; and date, amount, and conditions of bond. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 590 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 1 vol., 1900-1909, stor. rm., 3d floor; 3 vols., 1910-, clk. rec. rm.

121. [RECOGNIZANCE BONDS], 1912-13. 1 file box.

Bonds posted by defendants to assure appearance in court, showing date, number, and amount of bond; names of defendant and sureties; and number and nature of cause. Arr. by dates of bonds. Hdw. 8 x 5 x 10. Clk. rec. rm.

For prior and subsequent bonds, see entry 115.

ASSIGNMENTS

122. INDEX AND RECORD OF RECEIVERSHIPS AND ASSIGNMENTS, 1914-. 1 vol.

Record of receivership and assignment causes, showing date of filing; names of receivership, petitioner, receiver, assignor, assignee, and claimant; cause and claim numbers; valuation of property; dates and amounts of receipt, claim, and allowance; and volume and page reference to Entry Docket, Issue Docket, and Fee Book, entry 110; and Civil Order Book, entry 128. Indexed alph. by names of receiverships or assignees. Hdw. 614 pp. 15 x 17 x 2½. Clk. rec. rm.

For prior records, see entry 128.

123. RECORD OF ASSIGNMENTS, 1861-98. 2 vols.

Record of assignments of real and personal property in estate and receivership causes, showing dates of assignment and approval, cause number, names of assignor and assignee, and description of property. Arr. by dates of assignments. Hdw. 475 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

For prior and subsequent records, see entry 128.

PETITIONS

124. DRAINAGE PETITIONS, 1919-. 4 file boxes.

Petitions for construction of drainage ditches, showing date of filing; name, location, and description of proposed ditch; plans and specifications; and names of petitioners. Arr. by dates of filing. Typed. 8 x 5 x 10. Clk. off.

For prior records, see entry 114.

For other drainage petition records, see entries 374-77.

MINUTES

125. COURT DOCKET CIVIL, 1852-56, 1905, 1911-. 25 vols.

Title varies: Civil Docket; Court Docket.

Record of actions and proceedings in civil, criminal, and

probate causes, showing date of filing; cause number; kind of action; names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; sheriff's return on writs; and disposition. Arr. by dates of filing. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 1½. 17 vols., 1852-56, 1905, 1911-15, stor. rm., 3d floor; 8 vols., 1913-, ct. reporter's off.

126. CLERK'S DOCKET, 1852-55, 1870-1911. 23 vols. (1-5, 7-9, 11-15, 19-23, and 5 vols. not numbered).

Clerk's record of actions and proceedings in civil, criminal, and probate causes, showing date of filing; number of cause; kind of action; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and witnesses; court proceedings; sheriff's returns; and amount of cost. Arr. by dates of filing. Hdw. 580 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

For subsequent records, see entry 125.

127. CRIMINAL DOCKET, 1907-. 4 vols.

Record of actions and proceedings in criminal causes, showing date of filing; cause number; kind of action; names of defendant, attorneys, witnesses, and judge; and volume and page reference to Civil Order Book, entry 128. Arr. by dates of filing. Hdw. 1600 pp. 13 x 9 x 8. Ct. reporter's off.

For prior records, see entries 125 and 126.

ORDERS

128. CIVIL ORDER BOOK, 1821-. 103 vols. (A-E, 6-103). Record of orders and proceedings in civil and criminal causes, showing dates of filing and trial; nature and number of cause; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and witnesses; and disposition. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. 1821-1915, hdw.; 1916-, typed. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½. 66 vols., 1821-1910, clk. rec. rm.; 37 vols., 1911-, clk. off.

129. ORDER BOOK, CIVIL COMMON PLEAS, 1853-73. 8 vols. (1-8).

Record of orders and proceedings in civil and criminal causes in common pleas court, showing dates of order and trial; cause number; nature of action; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and witnesses; and disposition. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. Condition fair. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

JUDGMENTS

130. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1835-47, 1856-. 26 vols. (2, 4-26, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of judgments rendered in civil and criminal causes, showing date of judgment; names of plaintiff, defendant, and

attorneys; nature and number of cause; amounts of judgment, fees, and costs; and date of satisfaction. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. 4 vols., 1835-47, 1856-72, stor. rm., 3d floor; 17 vols., 1873-1922, clk. rec. rm.; 5 vols., 1923-, clk. off.

131. JUDGMENT DOCKET, COMMON PLEAS, 1853-73. 3 vols. (1, 2, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of judgments rendered in common pleas causes, showing date and amount of judgment; number and nature of cause; names of plaintiff, defendant, witnesses, and attorneys; and date of satisfaction. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

EXECUTIONS

132. PRAECIPES, 1908-15, 1919-. 5 vols.

Record of orders of attorney or plaintiff to clerk to prepare court decrees or to prepare or issue to sheriff writs of executions of transcripts of change of venue for appeal to proper court, showing date of order; cause number; and names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys. Arr. by dates of orders. Hdw. 200 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. 1 vol., 1908-15, stor. rm., 3d floor; 3 vols., 1919-32, clk. rec. rm.; 1 vol., 1933-, clk. off.

133. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1842-. 16 vols. (B-Q).

Record of writs for execution of judgments by order of court; showing date of filing; cause number; kind of writ; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and person processed; amounts of judgment and costs; sheriff's return; and date of redemption. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

134. REGISTER OF EXECUTIONS, 1869-73. 2 vols.

Register of execution of judgments in common pleas causes, showing dates of writ and return; cause number; names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; and amounts of judgment and costs. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 400 pp. 15 x 11 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

135. EXECUTIONS, 1897-1916. 15 file boxes.

Original writs for execution of decrees on judgments, showing dates of writ and service; amount and kind of judgment; cause number; names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; location and description of property sold; and sheriff's return. Arr. by cause nos. Hdw. 8 x 5 x 10. Clk. rec. rm.

For prior and subsequent records, see entry 114.

136. TRANSCRIPT RECORD, 1911-. 2 vols. (1, 2).

Transcripts of judgments rendered in lower courts and trans-

ferred to circuit court for execution, showing date of proceedings; cause number; names of plaintiff, defendant, and court; and date and amount of judgment rendered. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. and typed. 592 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

137. TRANSCRIPTS TO BIND REAL ESTATE, 1904-16. 2 file boxes.

Transcripts of causes from various courts to bind real estate in execution of judgments, showing date of proceedings; number and nature of cause; names of plaintiff, defendant, and court; and date and amount of judgment. Arr. by dates of proceedings. Hdw. 8 x 5 x 10. Clk. rec. rm.

For prior and subsequent records, see entry 114.

138. LIS PENDENS COMPLAINT, 1877-. 2 vols.

Record of complaints filed against owners of property which may be subject to possible judgment, showing date of filing, cause number, names of plaintiff and defendant, location and description of property, and nature of action. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 590 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

139. LIS PENDENS NOTICE OF LEVY, 1880-. 1 vol.

Record of notices issued by clerk to levy on property to satisfy judgments, showing date of writ, names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of judgment, location and description of property, and notice of attachment. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

140. LIS PENDENS, CERTIFICATE OF SALE, 1876-. 6 vols.

Record of sales certificates issued to purchasers of property at sheriff's sales in execution of judgments, showing dates of judgment and sale; names of plaintiff, defendant, and purchaser; description and location of property; cause number; and terms and amount of sale. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. 1876-July 1932, hdw.; October 1932-, typed. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½. 1 vol., 1876-80, stor. rm., 3d floor; 5 vols., 1881-, clk. rec. rm.

141. REDEMPTION RECORD, 1879-. 1 vol.

Record of redemption of property sold at sheriff's sale, showing cause number; nature of action; dates of sale and redemption; names of plaintiff, defendant, purchaser, and redeemer; location and description of property; and volume and page reference to Execution Docket, entry 133. Indexed alph. by names of redeemers. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

COMPLETE TRANSCRIPTS

142. COMPLETE RECORD, 1881-1913. 8 vols.

Complete transcripts of proceedings in all causes involving changes in title to real estate, showing dates of filing and trial; cause number; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and witnesses; proceedings and judgment of court; and amounts of fees and costs. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½. Clk. rec. rm.

143. FINAL RECORD, 1821-53. 5 vols.

Complete transcripts of proceedings in causes involving titles to real estate, showing dates of filing and trial; number and nature of cause; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and witnesses; and amounts of fees, costs, and judgment. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. Condition poor. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

NATURALIZATION

144. RECORD OF DECLARATION OF INTENTION, 1854-. 8 vols.

Record of declarations of intention by alien residents to become citizens of U. S., showing date of filing; name, birth-place, occupation, personal description, and affidavit of alien; date of arrival; and port of entry. Indexed alph. by names of aliens. Hdw. 200 pp. 14 x 10 x 1½. 7 vols., 1854-1929, clk. rec. rm.; 1 vol., 1930-, clk. off.

145. [NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS], 1839-90. 11 file boxes.

Applications of aliens desiring to become U. S. citizens, showing dates of application and arrival; name, age, occupation, description, and date and place of birth of applicant; ports of sailing and entry; and length of residence in U. S. Arr. by dates of applications. Hdw. 8 x 5 x 10. Clk. rec. rm.

146. PETITION AND RECORD, 1904-. 4 vols.

Record of petitions and granting of final papers of citizenship to aliens, showing dates of petition, declaration of intention, and grant; name, address, occupation, and date and place of birth of petitioner; ports of sailing and entry; oaths of renunciation of native land and allegiance to U. S.; and names and affidavits of witnesses. Indexed alph. by names of petitioners. 1904-16, hdw.; 1917-, typed. 200 pp. 14 x 10 x 1½. 3 vols., 1904-29, clk. rec. rm.; 1 vol., 1930-, clk. off.

147. FINAL OATH, 1856-1905. 1 vol.

Record of final oaths of renunciation of native land and allegiance to U. S. of aliens who have executed declarations

of intention and petitions for naturalization, showing dates of declaration and petition; name, age, birthplace, nationality, occupation, and marital status of petitioner; and final oath. Indexed alph. by names of petitioners. Hdw. 200 pp. 14 x 10 x 1½. Clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent records, see entry 146.

PROBATE CAUSES

ENTRY OF CAUSES

148. ESTATE, ENTRY, CLAIM AND ALLOWANCE DOCKET AND FEE BOOK, 1895-. 10 vols. (3-12).

Record of estates filed for probate, reports of administrators and executors, claims filed and allowances made against estates, and costs, showing dates of entry, claim, and allowance; cause number; names of estate, administrator or executor, claimants, and sureties; amount and nature of claim; date and amount of executor's or administrator's bond; and volume and page reference to Order Book [Probate], entry 168. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

For prior Fee Book, Probate, see entry 184.

149. BAR DOCKET, 1887-94. 3 vols. (9, 10, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Calendar of civil and probate causes entered for trial in circuit court, showing date of filing; cause number; names of plaintiff, estate, attorneys, witnesses, and administrator, executor, or guardian; nature of action; and disposition. Arr. by dates of filing. Hdw. 596 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS

150. PROBATE CAUSES, 1822-. 601 file boxes.

Original documents of probate causes, including appointments, petitions, proofs of publication, claims, reports, complaints, writs, answers, inventories, sale bills, and court proceedings, showing date of action; nature of instrument; names of estate, heirs, administrator, and creditors; and disposition. Arr. by cause nos. For index, see entry 151. Hdw. 8 x 5 x 10. Clk. rec. rm.

151. INDEX TO ESTATES AND GUARDIANSHIPS, 1843-. 5 vols. (2, and 4 vols. not numbered). Title varies: General Index, Probate; Index to Files.

General Index to Probate Causes, entry 150, and Order Book

[Probate], entry 168, showing date of filing, name of estate or guardianship, volume and page reference to recording, and file box reference. Arr. alph. by names of estates or guardianships. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 1 vol., 1843-59, stor. rm., 3d floor; 4 vols., 1856-, clk. rec. rm.

152. [INSANITY DOCUMENTS], 1829-. 42 file boxes.

Original documents in sanity proceedings, including affidavits, applications, and inquests, showing date of inquest; cause number; nature and number of instrument; name and physical history of patient; statements of attending physician, medical examiner, and witnesses; and nature of verdict. Arr. by cause nos. Hdw. 8 x 5 x 10. Clk. rec. rm.

153. SOUTHERN INDIANA INSANE HOSPITAL PAPERS, 1889-1906. 1 file box.

Applications to recommit patients to hospital for insane, showing dates of application and previous commitment; names of patient; attending physician; witnesses, and examiners; cause number; nature of instrument; and name of institution where previously committed. Arr. by cause nos. Hdw. 8 x 5 x 10. Clk. rec. rm.

For prior and subsequent records, see entry 152.

154. [EPILEPTIC INQUESTS], 1908-21. 1 file box.

Papers pertaining to epileptic inquests for commitment to state hospital, showing dates of petition, examination, and commitment; cause number; names of petitioner; patient, attending physician, witnesses, and examiner; relationship of petitioner to patient; and judge's order for commitment. Arr. by cause nos. Hdw. 8 x 5 x 10. Clk. rec. rm.

For prior and subsequent records, see entry 152.

WILLS

(See also entry 96)

155. WILL RECORD, 1839-. 6 vols. (1-6).

Transcripts of last will or testament filed for probate, showing date of will; names of testator, legatees, witnesses, and executor or administrator; and list of bequests with terms and conditions specified. Indexed alph. by names of testators. 1839-1913, hdw.; 1914-, typed. 400 pp. 17 x 11 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

BONDS

(See also entry 30)

156. ADMINISTRATOR'S BOND, OATH, AND LETTERS, 1849-. 8 vols. (1-6, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of letters of administration issued, bonds posted, and

oaths taken by individuals appointed to administer estates, showing names of estate, administrator, and sureties; oath of fidelity; date, amount, and conditions of bond; and letters granting administrative powers. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 586 pp. 16 x 11 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

157. EXECUTOR'S BOND RECORD, 1854-. 4 vols. (2, and 3 vols. not numbered).

Record of bonds posted by executors of estates, showing date, amount, and conditions of bond; and names of executor, sureties, and estate. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 350 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

158. GUARDIAN'S BOND, OATH, AND LETTERS, 1847-. 7 vols. Record of letters of guardianship issued, bonds posted, and oaths taken by individuals appointed to administer estates for wards, showing date of appointment; names of guardian, ward, and sureties; oath of fidelity; date, amount, and conditions of bond; and letters of guardianship. Indexed alph. by names of guardians. Hdw. 475 pp. 15 x 10 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

159. ADMINISTRATOR'S, EXECUTOR'S, AND GUARDIAN'S BOND FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE, 1856-94. 1 vol.

Record of bonds posted by administrators, executors, and guardians to sell real estate, showing date and amount of bond and names of estate, or guardianship, and administrator or executor, guardian, and sureties. Indexed alph. by names of estates or guardians. Hdw. 568 pp. 16 x 11 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent records, see entry 30.

INVENTORIES

160. INVENTORY RECORD, 1833-44, 1848-52, 1874-. 15 vols. (2-5, 5-13, and 2 vols. not numbered). Title varies: 1833-44, Inventory of Estates; 1848-52, Inventory and Sales Bills; 1874-1902, Record of Inventory. Record of inventories and appraised value of personal property of estates filed for probate, showing date of inventory; names of estate and legatees; description, location, itemized list, and appraised value of property; total amount of indebtedness; net value of property for distribution; and oaths of administrator and appraiser. Also contains: Sale Bill Record, 1848-52, entry 169. 1833-44, arr. by dates of inventories. 1848-52, 1874-, indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 596 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 8 vols., 1833-44, 1848-52, 1874-1908, stor. rm., 3d floor; 7 vols., 1907-, clk. rec. rm.

161. GUARDIAN'S INVENTORY RECORD, 1908-. 1 vol. Transcripts of guardians' inventories of real and personal

property of wards, showing date of inventory, names of guardianship, guardian, and wards; location and description of real estate, itemized list and appraised value of property, amount of indebtedness; and net value. Indexed alph. by names of guardianships. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

MINUTES

162. COURT DOCKET, GUARDIANSHIP, 1835-. 10 vols. Title varies: Guardian Docket; Guardianship Docket.

Record of actions and minutes of court in guardianship causes, showing date of filing; names of ward, guardian, attorneys, and sureties; amount of bond; report of solvency of estate; and disposition of cause. 1835-1915, indexed alph. by names of guardians. 1916-, arr. by dates of filing. Hdw. 315 pp. 9 x 10 x 2. 3 vols., 1835-67, 1899-1915, clk. rec. rm.; 3 vols., 1868-98, stor. rm., 3d floor; 4 vols., 1914-, ct. reporter's off.

163. COURT DOCKET, ESTATES, 1887-1913, 1915-. 9 vols. Title varies: Clerk's Docket, Probate.

Clerk's record of actions, orders, and proceedings of court in estate causes, showing date of filing; cause number; names of estate, administrator or executor, and heirs; and volume and page reference to Order Book [Probate], entry 168. Arr. by dates of filing. Hdw. 435 pp. 14 x 12 x 3. 6 vols., 1887-1913, stor. rm., 3d floor; 1 vol., 1915-27, ct. reporter's off.; 2 vols., 1921-, clk. rec. rm.

164. ADMINISTRATORS' DOCKET, 1866-79. 1 vol.

Record of estate causes tried in common pleas court, showing dates of filing and letters of administration; names of estate, administrator or executor, and sureties; amount and conditions of bond; and minutes of court proceedings. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 592 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

165. APPEARANCE DOCKET, 1853-58. 1 vol.

Record of estates filed for probate, reports of administrators and executors, claims filed, and allowances made against estates, showing dates of filing, claim, and allowance; cause number; names of estate, administrator or executor, and claimant; and administrator's or executor's report. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2¼. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

166. INSANE RECORD, 1871-. 8 vols. (1, 3-8, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of proceedings for commitment of patients to insane

hospital, showing dates of application, commitment, warrant, and sheriff's return; cause number; names of patient, attending physician, and examiners; court approval; and hospital superintendent's receipt. Indexed alph. by names of patients. Hdw. 599 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 2 vols., 1871-Jan. 1891, stor. rm., 3d floor; 6 vols., Mar. 1891-, clk. rec. rm.

167. COMMON LAW DOCKET, [Probate], 1833-40. 1 vol. Judge's docket of causes filed for action in probate court, showing date of filing and action, nature of cause, names of plaintiff and defendant, proceedings of court, and judge's decision. Arr. by dates of filing. Hdw. 250 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

168. ORDER BOOK [Probate], 1823-41, 1849-. 57 vols. Record of actions and proceedings in probate causes, showing dates of filing and trial; cause number; names of estate, heirs, administrator, executor, guardian, and attorneys; amount of bond; value of estate; reports of administration; court orders; and settlement. Indexed alph. by names of estates. 1823-Apr. 1915, hdw.; May 1915-, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

ORDERS

169. SALE BILL RECORD, 1853-. 6 vols. (1-6). 1848-52, in Inventory Record, entry 160. Record of sales of personal property by administrators of estates, showing date of sale; publisher's affidavit; names of estate, administrator or executor, and purchaser; inventory number; list of articles sold; amount of consideration; and terms of sale. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 592 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 4 vols., 1853-1914, stor. rm., 3d floor; 2 vols., 1915-, clk. rec. rm.

170. INHERITANCE AND TRANSFER TAX RECORDS, 1913-. 1 vol. Record of inheritance tax determined by court after receiving appraiser's report on estates, showing date of statement; names of estate and heirs; description, location, and value of real and personal property; and amounts of exemption and tax assessed. Indexed alph. by names of heirs. Hdw. 600 pp. 23 x 18 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

For other inheritance tax records, see entries 203, 218, 219.

171. PARTITION RECORD, 1853-61. 1 vol. Transcripts of proceedings on petitions for partition of real estate in probate causes in common pleas court, showing date of petition; names of estate, administrator, and heirs; lo-

cation, description, and appraised valuation of property; and order of court for distribution or sale. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 450 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

For partition deeds, see entry 68.

COMPLETE TRANSCRIPTS

172. COMPLETE RECORD, PROBATE, 1878-83. 2 vols. (2, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Complete transcripts of actions and proceedings in probate causes involving transfer of real estate, showing dates of filing and trial; kind of action; names of estate, ward, and administrator, executor, and guardian; number of cause; location and description of property; proceedings of court; and final settlement. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. Clk. rec. rm.

For prior and subsequent records, see entry 168.

173. COMPLETE RECORD [Common Pleas], 1853-54. 1 vol.

Complete transcripts of actions and proceedings in probate causes in common pleas court involving transfer of real estate, showing dates of filing and trial; cause number; kind of action; names of estate or guardianship, heirs, administrator, executor or guardian, attorneys, and witnesses; location and description of property; proceedings of court; and settlement of cause. Indexed alph. by names of estates or guardianships. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

174. FINAL RECORD, PROBATE, 1835-54. 7 vols.

Complete transcripts of proceedings in probate causes involving transfer of real estate, showing dates of filing, hearing, and disposition; names of estate, heirs, administrator, executor, and guardian; location and description of property; court orders; and final disposition. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent records, see entry 168.

JUVENILE PROCEEDINGS

175. COURT DOCKET JUVENILE, 1908-. 2 vols. Title varies: 1908-23, Juvenile Docket.

Minutes of actions and proceedings in juvenile causes in circuit court, showing dates of filing and trial; number and nature of cause; names of plaintiff, defendant, witnesses, attorneys; and disposition of cause. Arr. by dates of trials. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Ct. reporter's off.

176. JUVENILE ORDER BOOK, 1908-. 1 vol.

Record of actions and proceedings in juvenile causes, showing date of trial, number and nature of cause, name of defendant, and disposition. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. 1908-15, 1930-, hdw.; 1916-29, typed. 592 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Ct. reporter's off.

177. HISTORY RECORD, 1908-. 1 vol.

History record of delinquent children involved in court actions, showing cause number; date of filing; name, age, sex, color, classification, and date and place of birth of child; school attended; intelligence rating; name and address of parents, if living; cause of delinquency; and place of commitment. Arr. by dates of filing. Hdw. 318 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Ct. reporter's off.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

CHANGE OF VENUE

(See also entries 132, 272, 273)

178. CHANGE OF VENUE RECORDS, 1915-. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of costs for causes venued to Greene County, showing dates of filing and disposition; number and nature of cause; names of plaintiff, defendant, and county of original jurisdiction; amounts of fees due clerk, sheriff, bailiff, reporter, and jurors; and total cost. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 200 pp. 11 x 16 x 2. 1 vol., 1915-27, clk. rec. rm.; 3 vols., 1928-, clk. off.

BONDS

179. AFFIDAVITS FOR REPLEVIN BAIL, 1880-1928. 1 vol.

Record of freeholders' affidavits to prove competency for replevin bail in civil causes, showing date of affidavit; cause number; names of plaintiff, defendant, and freeholder; valuation of real estate; and date sworn. Arr. by dates of affidavits. Hdw. 100 pp. 13 x 8 x ½. Clk. rec. rm.

JURIES

(See also entry 191)

180. JURY REGISTER AND TIME BOOK, 1881-90, 1895-. 4 vols.

Title varies: 1881-90, Jury Register.

Record of persons summoned for jury service, showing date of service, number of days served, name and address of juror, mileage traveled, and total amount due. Arr. alph. by names of jurors. Hdw. 450 pp. 13 x 13 x 2½. 1 vol., Jan. 1881,

clk. off.; 1 vol., Apr. 1881-90, stor. rm., 3d floor; 1 vol., 1895-1926, sher. off.; 1 vol., 1927-, ct. reporter's off.

FEE AND CASH RECORDS

181. REGISTER OF FEES AND FUNDS HELD IN TRUST, 1873-. 6 vols. (1-6).

Record of fees and funds held in trust pending proper disbursement, showing date and amount of receipt or disbursement; names of plaintiff, defendant, and payer or payee; cause number; and volume and page reference to court records and cash books. Arr. alph. by names of payers. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 4 vols., 1873-1927, clk. vt; 2 vols., 1928-, clk. off.

182. CRIMINAL FEE BOOK, 1907-. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of criminal causes filed and fees collected, showing dates of filing and payment; cause number; names of plaintiff, defendant, and payee; nature of charge; nature and amount of fee; and volume and page reference to Judgment Docket, entry 130; and Civil Order Book, entry 128. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 584 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 3 vols., 1907-30, clk. rec. rm.; 1 vol., 1931-, clk. off.

183. FEE BOOK, 1873-1913. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of fees collected and disbursed in civil causes tried in circuit court, showing date, nature, and amount of fees and costs; cause number; and names of payee, payer, and fund. Arr. by cause nos. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½. Clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent records, see entry 110.

184. FEE BOOK, PROBATE, 1856-1920. 12 vols.

Record of fees and costs in probate causes, showing dates of receipt and filing; nature and amount of fees; and names of estate, administrator, and witnesses. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. 8 vols., 1856-99, stor. rm., 3d floor; 4 vols., 1900-1920, clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent records, see entry 148.

185. SUPPORT DOCKET, 1913-. 1 vol.

Record of payments ordered by court for support of dependants, showing dates of payment and disbursement, amount and purpose of payment, names of payer and payee, and cause number. Indexed alph. by names of payers. Hdw. 576 pp. 11 x 16 x 3. Clk. off.

VI. SHERIFF

The sheriff is a constitutional officer elected for a two-year term. The office of sheriff is established in

Greene County under the Constitution of 1851 and the Revised Statutes of 1852, and no person is eligible to hold it for more than four years in any six-year period. The sheriff is commissioned by the governor of the state and is required to post bond in the amount of not less than five thousand dollars and not more than fifteen thousand dollars as fixed by the board of commissioners.¹

Prior to the Constitution of 1851, the office of sheriff was established in Greene County in 1821, under the authority of the Constitution of 1816 and an act of that year.² The county organization act was approved on January 5, 1821, and on the same day the governor, in accordance with an act of 1818 concerning new counties, appointed a sheriff to act until the next general election. The sheriff's first duty was to hold a special election for the more important officers—judges, commissioners, clerk, and recorder.³ Intermittently from 1821 to 1841, the sheriff was appointed collector of taxes by the board of commissioners under authority of acts of 1818 and 1824.⁴ Otherwise, there has been no significant change in the sheriff's powers and duties.⁵

The sheriff is a conservator of the peace within Greene County. He is required to arrest without process all persons, who within his view commit any crime or misdemeanor, and hold them in custody during investigation of the cause of such arrest; to suppress all breaches of the peace, with authority to call to his aid the power of the county; to pursue and commit to jail all felons; to execute all process directed to him by legal authority; and to maintain and preserve order in the courts of the county except courts of justice of the peace. He also maintains the jail and takes care of the prisoners confined in it.⁶ It is his duty to protect persons in danger of possible lynchings.⁷ He makes arrests of all

¹ Const., art. 6, sec. 2. 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 49-2801; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 5493.

² Const. 1816, art. 4, sec. 25. Acts 1816-17, ch. 13, sec. 6.

³ Acts 1817-18 (special), ch. 3, sec. 1. Acts 1820-21, ch. 49, secs. 1, 2. Record Book A [Executive Proceedings under the Government of the State of Indiana], January 5, 1821. *History of Greene and Sullivan Counties*, 36.

⁴ Acts 1817-18 (general), ch. 42, sec. 14. Rev. Laws 1824, ch. 86, sec. 18. *History, op. cit.*, 45, 74.

⁵ Acts 1816-18 (general), ch. 20, sec. 1. Compare with present status.

⁶ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2802; Baldwin 5494.

⁷ Acts 1905; Burns 10-3309, 10-3310; Baldwin 2530, 2531.

persons on warrants issued upon indictments and affidavits, and commits them to jail; and also serves summons in cases of misdemeanor.⁸

The sheriff sells mortgaged property on foreclosure proceedings and property on executions;⁹ executes deeds to real estate sold by him;¹⁰ conveys persons committed to state charitable, correctional, or penal institutions;¹¹ and attends sessions and executes the orders of the county council¹² and the board of commissioners.¹³ The sheriff of the county is also a deputy of the sheriff of the supreme court of the state¹⁴ and, as such, serves all process and orders of the supreme and appellate courts.¹⁵

The chief records which the sheriff keeps are a cashbook, a fee book,¹⁶ and a jail record.¹⁷

SERVICE ON WRITS

186. SHERIFF'S CIVIL DOCKET, 1877-1918, 1922-. 29 vols. (4-22, 9, 10, 10, and 7 vols. not numbered). Title varies: Sheriff's Docket.

Record of writs served in civil causes, showing date and kind of writ; cause number; names of plaintiff, defendant, witnesses, and jurors; amount and kind of fees; and sheriff's return. Arr. by dates of writs. Hdw. 821 pp. 12 x 15 x 6½. 22 vols., 1877-1917, stor. rm., 3d floor; 5 vols., 1918, 1922-Sept. 16, 1930, jury rm.; 2 vols., Sept. 19, 1930-, C. C. sher. off.

187. SHERIFF'S STATE DOCKET, 1879-. 16 vols. (1-4, 3-11, and 3 vols. not numbered).

Record of writs served in criminal causes, showing dates of

⁸ Acts 1905, 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 9-1001; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 2134.

⁹ Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 2-3601, 3-1819; Baldwin 574, 1014.

¹⁰ Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 2-4101; Baldwin 619. Acts 1931; Burns 3-1806; Baldwin

1008.

¹¹ Acts 1905; Burns 9-2232, 22-2013; Baldwin 2339, 4206. Acts 1911; Burns 22-1716; Baldwin

4230. Acts 1919; Burns 22-1809; Baldwin 4264. Acts 1927; Burns 22-1213; Baldwin 4305.

¹² Acts 1899; Burns 26-510; Baldwin 5374.

¹³ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-611; Baldwin 5226.

¹⁴ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2203; Baldwin 1339. 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1889; Burns

49-2204; Baldwin 1340.

¹⁵ Acts 1891; Burns 4-230; Baldwin 1378.

¹⁶ Acts 1895; Burns 49-1401; Baldwin 7576.

¹⁷ Acts 1909; Burns 13-1007; Baldwin 13459.

writ, service, and return; cause number; names of plaintiff, defendant, and witnesses; nature of action; and amount of fee. Arr. by dates of writs. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½. 13 vols., 1879-Feb. 1918, stor. rm., 3d floor; 2 vols., April 1918-26, jury rm.; 1 vol., 1927-, C.C. sher. off.

188. SHERIFF'S PROBATE DOCKET, 1885-87, 1901-2. 2 vols. (1, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of writs served in probate causes, showing dates of writ, service, and return; kind of writ; nature and number of cause; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and witnesses; and amount of fees. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

For subsequent records, see entry 186.

189. REGISTER OF FOREIGN WRITS, 1895-. 3 vols. (2, 3, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of writs from foreign counties served by sheriff of Greene County, showing dates of writ, service, and return; names of foreign county, plaintiff, and defendant; and amount of costs. Indexed alph. by names of foreign counties. Hdw. 407 pp. 11 x 14 x 2. 1 vol., 1895-1908, stor. rm., 3d floor; 1 vol., 1909-July 14, 1921, jury rm.; 1 vol., July 29, 1921-, C.C. sher. off.

190. PROCESS RECORD, 1929-. 1 vol.

Record of miles traveled in serving processes, showing date of service; cause number; names of plaintiff, defendant, and persons processed; number of miles traveled; and amount of fees. Arr. by dates of service. Hdw. 600 pp. 12 x 15 x 3. C.C. sher. off.

191. JURY CALL, 1931-. 6 file boxes, 1 file drawer. Copies of summonses for grand jury service, showing dates of summons and service, names of persons summoned, and sheriff's return. Hdw. File boxes, 5 x 4 x 10; file drawer, 9 x 12 x 25. C.C. sher. off.

For other jury records, see entry 180.

EXECUTIONS ON JUDGMENTS (See also entries 133-41)

192. SHERIFF'S EXECUTION DOCKET, 1889-1910, 1929-. 3 vols. (2, 3, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of executions of judgments on orders of court, showing date, number, and kind of writ; names of plaintiff, defendant, and judgment debtor; and dates of judgment or decree, execution, and sheriff's return. Indexed alph. by names of

plaintiffs. 640 pp. 14 x 12 x 3½. 2 vols., 1889-1910, stor. rm., 3d floor; 1 vol., 1929-, C.C. sher. off.

193. EXECUTIONS, 1928-. 6 file boxes, 1 file drawer. Writs of executions on court orders served by sheriff in civil and criminal causes, showing dates of writ and service; number and nature of action; names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; amounts of fees, costs, judgment, and total costs; and volume and page reference to Sheriff's Execution Docket, entry 192; Civil Order Book, entry 128; and Criminal Fee Book, entry 182. Hdw. File boxes, 5 x 4 x 10; file drawer, 9 x 12 x 25. C.C. sher. off.

194. SHERIFF'S CERTIFICATE OF SALE ON DECREE, 1895-. 5 vols. (1-5).

Record of real estate sold by sheriff to satisfy judgments, showing dates and amounts of judgment and sale; amounts of interest, fees, and costs; names of plaintiff, defendant, owner, and purchaser; description and location of property; and date of redemption. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 500 pp. 16 x 12 x 2½. 2 vols., 1895-Mar. 1918, stor. rm., 3d floor; 3 vols., Dec. 1918-, C.C. sher. off.

195. SUMMONS, 1931-. 7 file boxes.

Duplicates of summonses served on persons to appear in court as witnesses, showing dates of summons, service, and appearance; number and nature of cause; and names of witnesses, plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; and sheriff's fees. Arr. by dates of summons. Hdw. 5 x 4 x 10. C.C. sher. off.

196. BENCH WARRANTS, 1932-. 6 file boxes, 1 file drawer. Warrants ordered by court and served by sheriff to have defendants appear in court, showing date and number of warrant, name of defendant, nature of offense, and sheriff's return. Hdw. File boxes, 5 x 4 x 10; file drawer, 9½ x 12 x 25. C.C. sher. off.

JAIL RECORD

197. JAIL REGISTER, 1870-86, 1890-. 6 vols.

Record of persons confined in county jail, showing dates of commitment and release, names of prisoner and arresting officer, nature of offense, sentence imposed, and cost of board. Arr. by dates of commitments. Hdw. 400 pp. 14 x 10 x 2. 3 vols., 1870-86, 1890-1913, C.C. stor. rm., 3d floor; 3 vols., 1914-, sher. jail off.

FEE AND CASH RECORDS

198. SHERIFF'S CASH BOOK, 1892-1905, 1911-. 3 vols.

Record of receipts and disbursements of accounts in custody of sheriff, showing date, amount, and purpose of receipt or disbursement; cause number; nature of action; and names of payer and payee. Arr. by dates of receipts or disbursements. Hdw. 478 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. 2 vols., 1892-1905, stor. rm., 3d floor; 1 vol., 1911-, C.C. sher. off.

199. REGISTER OF SHERIFF'S FEES, 1885-87, 1892-1913. 10 vols. Title varies: 1885-87, Sheriff's Register of Fees.

Register of fees collected for service on writs, showing date, number, and kind of writ; dates of receipt, service, and return; nature and number of cause; names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; amount of costs; kind of fees; and dates of report and payment to treasurer. Arr. by dates of writs. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

For subsequent records, see entry 198.

200. [FEE BILLS], 1931-. 2 file boxes.

Original bills of fees and court costs, showing date of statement, cause number, names of plaintiff and defendant, amounts and kinds of fees and costs, and volume and page reference to court fee books. Arr. by dates of statements. Hdw. 3 x 3 x 9. Clk. off.

VII. CORONER

The coroner is a constitutional officer, elected for a two-year term without restriction on re-election. The office is established in Greene County under the Constitution of 1851¹ and the Revised Statutes of 1852. The coroner is commissioned by the governor and must post a bond of not less than one thousand nor more than five thousand dollars, as fixed by the board of commissioners.²

Prior to the Constitution of 1851, the office of coroner was established in Greene County in 1821, under the authority of the Constitution of 1816 and acts of 1816 and 1818.³ The

¹ Const., art. 6, sec. 2.

² 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1933; Burns 49-2901; Baldwin 5436.

³ Const. 1816, art. 4, sec. 25. Acts 1816-17, ch. 13, sec. 1. Acts 1817-18 (general), ch. 20, sec. 1.

coroner and sheriff were the first officials commissioned in new counties.⁴ The act organizing Greene County was approved on January 5, 1821, and on the same day the governor, in accordance with an act of 1816 concerning new counties, appointed a coroner to act until the next general election.⁵ There has been no major change in the office of coroner, other than the abolition of the coroner's jury in 1879.⁶ Up until that date, the coroner was required to summon a jury of not less than twelve men of the township. The jury then summoned witnesses, held inquest, and rendered an official verdict.⁷ With the abolition of the coroner's jury came the consequent transformation of the inquest from a court hearing to a formal nonjudicial inquiry.⁸

The coroner is required to investigate deaths by violence, by accident, and of a suspicious nature; to inquire into the cause and manner of death;⁹ and to order the arrest of any person whom he may charge with murder.¹⁰ He holds inquests without a jury,¹¹ and may subpoena witnesses and employ a physician to make a post-mortem examination.¹² He draws up his verdict¹³ and files it in the office of the clerk of the circuit court, together with a report, giving a minute description of the deceased and valuables found with the body.¹⁴ If the coroner is absent from the county or unable to perform an inquest, any justice of the peace of the proper county may act in his stead.¹⁵ The coroner is a peace officer with the same powers as the sheriff,¹⁶ and acts as the sheriff in the event

⁴ Acts 18:6 17, ch. 13, sec. 6.

⁵ *Ibid.* Acts 1820-21, ch. 49, secs. 1, 2. Record Book A [Executive Proceedings under the Government of the State of Indiana], January 5, 1821. *History of Greene and Sullivan Counties*, 75. Concerning reason for such an early appointment, see Acts 18:6 17, ch. 13, sec. 9.

⁶ Acts 1879, (Spec. Sess.); Burns 49 2905; Baldwin 5444.

⁷ Acts 18:7-18 (general), ch. 20, secs. 2-10.

⁸ *Ibid.*, secs. 1-9. Thornton, W. W., *A Manual of Practice before County Commissioners* 2:1405-6, sec. 2420. *Stults v. Board of County Commissioners*, 168 Ind. 539; 81 N. E. 471.

⁹ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1871, 1879 (Spec. Sess.), 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 49-2904; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 5439.

¹⁰ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2914; Baldwin 5448.

¹¹ Acts 1879 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 49 2905; Baldwin 5444.

¹² 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49 2906; Baldwin 5440.

¹³ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1879 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 49-2908; Baldwin 5442.

¹⁴ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1879 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 49-2909; Baldwin 5443.

¹⁵ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2915; Baldwin 5449.

¹⁶ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1933; Burns 49-2901; Baldwin 5436.

of absence, personal interest, or incapacity of that officer, or of vacancy in the office,¹⁷ and arrests and commits to jail the sheriff, if necessary.¹⁸

The records are located in the courthouse.

¹⁷ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2902; Baldwin 5437.

¹⁸ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2903; Baldwin 5438.

201. CORONER'S INQUESTS, 1831-. 33 file boxes (numbering varies).

Papers pertaining to coroner's inquests of violent and sudden deaths, showing date of inquest, date and cause of death, description and name of deceased, statements of witnesses and medical examiners, and verdict rendered by coroner's jury. Arr. by dates of inquests. 1831-1914, hdw.; 1915-, typed. 8 x 5 x 10. Clk. rec. rm.

VIII. PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

The prosecuting attorney is a constitutional officer, elected in each judicial circuit for a two-year term, without restriction on re-election.¹ Greene County now constitutes the sixty-third circuit, and a prosecuting attorney is elected therein under the Constitution of 1851 and the Revised Statutes of 1852.² He is required to execute a bond in the amount of five thousand dollars, to be approved by the judge of the circuit court, and filed with the clerk.³

Prior to the Constitution of 1851, the prosecuting attorney was an officer of the court rather than a public officer. From 1821—when the county was organized—to 1824, he was appointed by the president judge of the circuit court, under the territorial law of 1814.⁴ In the revision of 1824, there were two provisions for prosecuting attorney; the court appointed a prosecuting attorney in the county, who held office during the pleasure of the court,⁵ and the governor appointed a pros-

¹ Const., art. 7, sec. 11.

² 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2501; Baldwin 5456.

³ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2502; Baldwin 5458.

⁴ Laws Ind. Terr., Acts 1813-14, ch. 12, sec. 1; Acts 1814, ch. 3, sec. 4. Const. 1816, art. 12, sec. 4. Acts 1816-17, ch. 3, sec. 2. Order Book [Circuit Court], A:1. Monks, Leander J., et al., editors, *Courts and Lawyers of Indiana*, 2:704.

⁵ Rev. Laws 1824, ch. 24, sec. 9.

ecuting attorney for the circuit for a one-year term.⁶ Two years later, in January 1826, the term was extended to two years,⁷ and in December, the appointment was taken from the governor and made by joint ballot of the Senate and House of Representatives,⁸ which method was reaffirmed by the general assembly in 1831.⁹

At first, the only compensation to the prosecuting attorney was that allowed by the court. In 1824, the general assembly granted the circuit prosecutor an annual salary, paid by the state,¹⁰ supplemented by docket fees in criminal convictions, taxed by the court and collected by the sheriff.¹¹ The court continued to make allowances both to the county prosecutor and to the prosecutors *pro tem.*, who were also appointed by the court; the fees of the former were paid on the order of the board of commissioners, those of the latter, by the state and deducted from the circuit prosecutor's salary.¹² The docket fee in causes where a plea of guilty was entered was reduced in January 1826,¹³ and the salary, in December. The docket fee is not mentioned in the latter act.¹⁴ Lacking both in dignity and compensation, the office was hard to fill and even when appointment was accepted, the circuit prosecutor was frequently absent; in such absences all payments made to substitute appointees were deducted from the regular prosecutor's salary. Hence the old custom of appointment of the county prosecutor by the court continued, despite the attempts of the general assembly to establish the prosecutor as a public officer.¹⁵

The general assembly, in 1843, provided for the election of the prosecuting attorney by the voters of the circuit.¹⁶ In 1847, the prosecuting attorney was made a county officer, elected by the voters thereof.¹⁷ The act of 1847 was repealed

⁶ *Ibid.*, sec. 10.

⁷ Acts 1825-26, ch. 44, sec. 1.

⁸ Acts 1826-27, ch. 17, sec. 1.

⁹ Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 10, sec. 1.

¹⁰ Rev. Laws 1824, ch. 24, sec. 12.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, sec. 13.

¹² *Ibid.*, secs. 9, 12.

¹³ Acts 1825-26, ch. 44, sec. 4.

¹⁴ Acts 1826-27, ch. 17, sec. 2.

¹⁵ Rev. Laws 1824, ch. 24, sec. 12. Acts 1833-34, ch. 92, sec. 1. Monks, *op. cit.*, 1:113-16,

¹⁶ Acts 1842-43 (general), ch. 15, sec. 1.

¹⁷ Acts 1846-47 (general), ch. 13, sec. 1.

in 1851, and the provisions of the act of 1843 were restored;¹⁸ these provisions were virtually continued, under the Revised Statutes of 1852, to the present time.¹⁹

Upon its organization, Greene County was attached to the first circuit, which included ten other counties.²⁰ It has formed a part of many other circuits from time to time, as the judicial system was expanded and the circuits became smaller. In 1911, the sixty-third circuit was created, embracing Greene County only,²¹ in which it still remains.²²

The first prosecuting attorney of Greene County, Henry Merrick, was appointed by the circuit court at its first term, in September 1821, held at the residence of Thomas Bradford.²³ Later, the county seat was moved from Burlington to Bloomfield and at the first session, held in the new location, in May 1825, John Law was appointed prosecuting attorney. He served five years, which was a long time, considering the lack of pecuniary inducement.²⁴ This was one of the longest terms of office ever served by any Greene County prosecutor.²⁵

There has been little change in the duties of the prosecuting attorney since he became a constitutional officer.²⁶

The prosecuting attorney prosecutes the pleas of the state²⁷ in all courts of Greene County, including the courts of the justice of the peace, as provided by law.²⁸ He appears before the grand jury to furnish information relative to matters cognizable by it or upon any legal matter, and signs all indictments found, but is excluded from its deliberations.²⁹ He may also prosecute by affidavit persons accused of public offenses, except treason and murder.³⁰ He conducts all prosecutions for felonies and misdemeanors in

¹⁸ Acts 1850-51 (general), ch. 132, secs. 1, 2.

¹⁹ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2501 to 49-2504; Baldwin 5456 to 5460.

²⁰ Acts 1820-21, ch. 6, secs. 1, 2.

²¹ Acts 1911, ch. 13, sec. 1. For full statements of judicial circuit changes, see essay on Circuit Court.

²² Acts 1911; Burns 4-332; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 1415-1.

²³ Order Book A:1. *History of Greene and Sullivan Counties*, 82. Monks, *op. cit.*, 2:704.

²⁴ *History, op. cit.*, 86.

²⁵ *Biographical Memoirs of Greene County*, 1:228.

²⁶ Monks, *op. cit.*, 1:324.

²⁷ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2501; Baldwin 5456.

²⁸ Acts 1933; Burns 49-2695; Baldwin 7550.

²⁹ Acts 1905; Burns 9-826, 9-901; Baldwin 2122, 2123.

³⁰ Acts 1905, 1927; Burns 9-908; Baldwin 2131.

Greene County, all suits on forfeited recognizances, resists applications for changing names, and superintends, on behalf of the county or any of its trust funds, all suits in which the same may be interested or involved.³¹ He defends persons of unsound mind or incapable of managing their business affairs by reason of old age or other infirmity and protects their interests³² and resists undefended actions for divorce.³³ He may take acknowledgments to deeds or other instruments in writing, administer oaths, protest notes and checks, take depositions of witnesses, and perform any duty now conferred on a notary public.³⁴

The prosecuting attorney is required to keep a record of his fees³⁵ and make a monthly report to the board of commissioners of the causes in which he appeared, the fees charged, and the fees collected.³⁶

The records are located in the courthouse.

³¹ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2504; Baldwin 5460.

³² *Ibid.*, Acts 1895; Burns 8-202; Baldwin 3460. Acts 1911, 1919; Burns 8-301; Baldwin 3472.

³³ Acts 1873; Burns 3-1212; Baldwin 916. Acts 1913, Burns 3-1213; Baldwin 917.

³⁴ Acts 1919; Burns 49-2507; Baldwin 5463.

³⁵ Acts 1909; Burns 60-213; Baldwin 13864.

³⁶ Acts 1933; Burns 49-2695; Baldwin 7550.

202. [APPEARANCE AND FEE BOOK], 1937-. 1 vol.

Record of causes and fees for services, showing date of appearance; number and disposition of cause; names of plaintiff, defendant, and court; and date and amount of fees charged and collected. Arr. by dates of appearances. Hdw. 40 pp. 12 x 14 x 1. Pros. atty. off.

IX. ASSESSOR

The assessor of Greene County is a statutory officer, elected for a four-year term.¹ The office of assessor was established in its present form by an act of 1891² and re-established in 1919. The assessor must have been a continuous resident freeholder of Greene County for not less than four years prior to the date of his election. Within ten days after his election, he must post a five thousand dollar bond, with

¹ Acts 1919, 1921; Burns 64-1101; Baldwin 15696.

² Acts 1891, ch. 99, sec. 112.

two or more good and sufficient freehold sureties to be approved by the auditor. The bond is deposited with the auditor, who also administers the oath of office.³

After the establishment of Greene County, the board of commissioners, by authority of an act of 1818, appointed a lister, on April 6, 1821, to receive and take lists of taxable property.⁴

In accordance with an act of January 30, 1824, which created the office of assessor but permitted, if it was deemed advisable, the appointment of one or more county assessors,⁵ the board of commissioners appointed two assessors in March of that year.⁶ Although an act of January 31, 1824, created a board of justices to transact county business, including the appointment of assessors, the act did not take effect until the following September.⁷ The appointment of assessors was again transferred to the board of commissioners of Greene County, when it was re-established as the "county board" in 1827.⁸

The general assembly provided in 1841 for the election of an assessor for a two-year term.⁹ In the same year, the office of appraiser was created to assess real property.¹⁰ The office of county assessor was discontinued in 1852 and replaced by those of the township assessors, who were elected for two-year terms.¹¹ In 1872 the office of county assessor replaced that of appraiser.¹² It was abolished in 1875 and the duties were assumed by the township assessors.¹³ In 1891 the office of county assessor was re-established in its present form.¹⁴

The duties of the assessor are to examine carefully tax duplicates and other records in the offices of the auditor, treasurer, recorder, clerk, sheriff, and surveyor, together

³ Acts 1919, 1921; Burns 64-1101; Baldwin 15696.

⁴ Acts 1817-18 (general), ch. 42, sec. 1. Commissioners' Record, A:5.

⁵ Rev. Laws 1824, ch. 86, sec. 5.

⁶ Commissioners' Record, A:152.

⁷ Rev. Laws 1824, ch. 15, secs. 1, 17.

⁸ Acts 1826-27, ch. 13, secs. 1, 14; ch. 72, sec. 1.

⁹ Acts 1840-41 (general), ch. 3, sec. 1.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, ch. 1, sec. 1.

¹¹ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 6, sec. 64; ch. 92, sec. 1.

¹² Acts 1872 (Spec. Sess.), ch. 37, secs. 107, 276.

¹³ Acts 1875, ch. 97, secs. 7, 9.

¹⁴ Acts 1891, ch. 99, sec. 112.

with the returns of the township assessors, and to discover, list, and assess all omitted property of every kind, entering his valuations in a separate column on the township assessors' records; to list and assess any omitted property which he discovers at any time of the year; to instruct and advise the township assessors; to report to the state board of tax commissioners any delinquencies of township assessors;¹⁵ to set a value upon intangibles for taxes;¹⁶ and to appraise estates for inheritance taxes.¹⁷ He is ex officio member and president of the Greene County Board of Review.¹⁸ His work is under the direction of the state board of tax commissioners, and he may be removed by that board, after five days' notice and a hearing, for incompetency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office.¹⁹

The assessor is required to return to the auditor, on or before the first Monday after July 4 of each year, all township assessors' books, returns, lists, schedules, and other papers received by him from the auditor, together with such additional books, lists, assessments, and papers as he has made thereto.²⁰

The records are located in the courthouse.

203. [INHERITANCE TAX APPRAISEMENTS], 1935-. 1 file drawer. Schedules of all property and affidavits of executors, administrators, trustees, or heirs for inheritance tax appraisal, showing names of estate, affiant, attorneys, and administrator, executor, trustee, or heir; dates of decedent's death, will admitted to probate, and letters of administration granted; location, description, and assessed and market valuation of real property; par and market valuation of all intangibles; market valuation of chattles; interest in business, partnership, or trust; valuation and total amount of all scheduled property; itemized list of all claims, debts, or expenses; and amount of deduction claimed. Arr. by names of estates. Typed. 5 x 30 x 18. Aud. off.

For other inheritance tax records, see entries 170, 218, 219.

¹⁵ Acts 1919; Burns 64-1102; Baldwin 15698.

¹⁶ Acts 1933, 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 64-905; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 15903.

¹⁷ Acts 1919, 1921; Burns 64-1101; Baldwin 15696. Acts 1931, 1933; Burns 6-2408; Baldwin 15946.

¹⁸ Acts 1919, 1920 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 64-1201; Baldwin 15700.

¹⁹ Acts 1919, 1921; Burns 64-1101; Baldwin 15696.

²⁰ Acts 1919; Burns 64-1102; Baldwin 15698.

204. [TAXABLE INTANGIBLES], 1935-. 1 file drawer.

Applications for determining valuation and amount of tax on intangibles, showing date of application; name of applicant; description and face value of intangibles; valuation by applicant, assessor, and state tax board; and amount of tax due. Arr. by dates of applications. Typed. 5 x 30 x 18. Aud. off.

For other intangible tax records, see entries 229-31.

205. RECORD OF MORTGAGES AND LIENS, 1901-13. 2 vols.

Title varies: 1901-8. List of Mortgages.

Assessor's record of mortgages and liens; showing dates of mortgage, recording, satisfaction, and release; names of mortgagor, mortgagee, lienor, and property owner; location and description of property; amount of mortgage or lien; and volume and page reference to Mortgage Record, entry 80. Arr. by dates of recording. Hdw. 402 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. 1 vol., 1901-8, stor. rm., 3d floor; 1 vol., 1909-13, aud. off.

For other mortgage and lien records, see entries 80, 92, 93, 96.

206. RECORD OF OMITTED PERSONAL PROPERTY AND TAXES, 1889-97. 1 vol.

Record of notices to taxpayer of omission of personal property from assessment lists, showing dates of notice and appearance, name and address of taxpayer, and location and description of property. Arr. alph. by names of taxpayers. Hdw. 200 pp. 17 x 14 x 1. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

X. BOARD OF REVIEW

The board of review of Greene County, established under an act of 1891¹ and re-established in 1919, reviews assessments and equalizes the valuation of real and personal property. Its members are the assessor, auditor, and treasurer, ex officio, and two freeholders of opposite political parties, appointed annually by the judge of the circuit court. The assessor is president and the auditor is secretary.²

From the organization of the county to 1872, personal property was assessed annually by an assessor, either the county assessor or the township assessor, and real property was assessed only periodically by the appraiser; since 1872

¹ Acts 1891, ch. 99, sec. 114.

² Acts 1919, 1920 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 64-1201; Baldwin 15700.

all property has been assessed by township assessors.

Prior to 1891, there was a county board of equalization, consisting of the board of commissioners and later certain additional members: In 1821, when Greene County was organized, the board of commissioners examined and corrected the lists of taxable property, under an act of 1818.³ From 1824 to 1839, the clerk of the circuit court met with the assessor or assessors and compared their assessment rolls, corrected all double listings, erroneous descriptions of lands and lots, or other mistakes, and laid the rolls for acceptance before the board doing county business.⁴ From 1839 to 1841, the assessor delivered the assessment rolls to the clerk of the circuit court each year in May, and a month later, the board of commissioners, clerk of the circuit court, and assessor met to hear and determine complaints of property owners.⁵ From 1841 to 1846, the board of commissioners, auditor, and assessor were constituted the county board of equalization for the purpose of hearing complaints and equalizing assessments and revaluating real and personal property;⁶ and the board of commissioners, auditor, and appraiser were constituted a special board of equalization to equalize valuations in lands as made by the appraiser.⁷ The office of auditor was abolished in Greene County by a special act of 1844, and from that year to 1852, the clerk of the circuit court took the auditor's place on the board.⁸ From 1852 to 1872, the board of commissioners, auditor, and township assessors were constituted the board of equalization, for personal property,⁹ and the board of commissioners, auditor, and appraiser or appraisers, the board of equalization for real property.¹⁰ From 1872 to 1875, the county assessor replaced the appraiser and the township assessors.¹¹ After 1875, the township assessors took the place of the county assessor, whose office was abolished in

³ Acts 1817-18 (general), ch. 42, sec. 12.

⁴ Rev. Laws 1824, ch. 86, sec. 7. Acts 1825, ch. 47, sec. 3. Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 81, secs. 5, 7, 8.

⁵ Acts 1838-39 (general), ch. 14, secs. 14, 15. The act reads auditor, which in Greene County means clerk; *ibid.*, sec. 5, last sentence.

⁶ Acts 1840-41 (general), ch. 1, sec. 18.

⁷ *Ibid.*, sec. 13.

⁸ Acts 1843-44 (general), ch. 22, secs. 1, 2.

⁹ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 6, secs. 64, 91.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, ch. 35, sec. 2.

¹¹ Acts 1872 (Spec. Sess.), ch. 37, secs. 150, 276.

that year.¹² From 1872 to 1891, the board of equalization constituted the board for the equalization of real and personal property.¹³ In 1881, four freeholders from different parts of the county, appointed by the judge of the circuit court, were added to the board.¹⁴ In 1891, the board of review was created, consisting of the assessor, auditor, and treasurer;¹⁵ in 1895, two freeholders were added to the board;¹⁶ and the act of 1919 required the two freeholders to be of opposite political parties.¹⁷

The board of review holds an annual meeting beginning on the first Monday of June. A majority constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business and may decide any question. At the meeting the auditor submits for examination the assessment lists of the county returned by the township assessors, and the county assessor reports all corrections and changes which in his judgment ought to be made, which the board considers and acts upon, and it may, upon its own motion, add omitted property.¹⁸

The board adjusts inequalities in the valuations of particular tracts or lots,¹⁹ hears complaints of owners of personal property, corrects errors in description and assessment, and passes upon each valuation in the township assessor's lists.²⁰ It assesses the capital stock and franchises of corporations in the county, except those assessed by the state board of tax commissioners, such as railroad, telephone, and telegraph companies.²¹

It is the duty of the board to inquire as to the valuation of various classes of property in the townships or any taxing unit, to make such changes as may be necessary, and to determine the amount to be added or deducted in order to make an

¹² Acts 1875, ch. 97, secs. 2, 7, 9.

¹³ Acts 1872 (Spec. Sess.), ch. 37, secs. 107, 150, 277, 278. Acts 1875, ch. 97, sec. 7.

¹⁴ Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.), ch. 96, sec. 129.

¹⁵ Acts 1891, ch. 99, sec. 114.

¹⁶ Acts 1895, ch. 36, sec. 2.

¹⁷ Acts 1919, 1920 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 64-1201; Baldwin 15700.

¹⁸ Acts 1919; Burns 64-1205; Baldwin 15704. Acts 1919, 1920 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 64-1201; Baldwin 15700.

¹⁹ Acts 1919; Burns 64-1205; Baldwin 15704.

²⁰ Acts 1919; Burns 64-1205; Baldwin 15704. Acts 1919, 1920 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 64-1201; Baldwin 15700.

²¹ Acts 1919; Burns 64-703, 64-704, 64-724, 64-734 to 64-736; Baldwin 15617, 15618, 15638, 15648 to 15650.

equitable equalization of valuations throughout the county. If the board shall find the aggregate assessment too high, too low, or unequal, it may set aside the assessment of the whole county, or of any township or taxing unit therein, and order a new assessment.²²

The auditor, as secretary, is required to keep full and accurate minutes of the proceedings of the board. The changes made by the board are entered in a separate column in the assessment lists.²³

The records are located in the courthouse.

²² Acts 1919; Burns 64-1205; Baldwin 15704.

²³ Acts 1919, 1920 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 64-1201; Baldwin 15700.

207. BOARD OF REVIEW, 1891-. 2 vols. (1 and 1 vol. not numbered).

Minutes of meetings of board of review, showing date, place, and nature of meeting; names of members present; petitions presented; subjects discussed; and action taken. Arr. by dates of meetings. 1891-1922, hdw.; 1923-, typed. 416 pp. 16 x 11 x 2½. 1 vol., 1891-1908, aud. off.; 1 vol., 1909-, aud. pvt. off.

XI. BOARD OF TAX ADJUSTMENT

The board of tax adjustment of Greene County was established by an act of 1932¹ and reconstituted by acts of 1933² and 1937. It consists of seven members, chosen as follows: One member of the county council, chosen by the council; the mayor of the city of Linton or any public official of that city, appointed by the mayor; one member of the county board of education, selected by the board; and four citizens and freeholders of the county, appointed annually by the judge of the circuit court. No more than four of the seven members may be adherents of the same political party. The board elects its own chairman and vice-chairman, and the auditor acts as clerk, but has no vote in its proceedings.³

The board, as created in 1932, consisted of six members:

¹ Acts 1932, ch. 10, sec. 4.

² Acts 1933, ch. 237, sec. 4.

³ Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 64-310; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 15897-4.

Three members of the county council, selected by the council, and three members, other than the auditor, appointed by the judge of the circuit court.⁴ In 1933, the number of members was changed to seven, as at present, but with differing qualifications: One member of the county council, selected by the council, and six members appointed by the judge of the circuit court. The appointive members were: One township trustee, the president of the board of trustees of an incorporated town in the county, one member of the school trustees of a school town in the county, and three resident freeholders of the county, not holding any other public office or related to the executive head of any municipal branch under the jurisdiction of the board of tax adjustment.⁵

Prior to the creation of this board, appeals in matters of valuation might be taken from the county board of review to the state board of tax commissioners,⁶ but tax rates in Greene County, as fixed by the board of commissioners, from 1821 to 1899,⁷ or by the county council, from 1899 to 1919,⁸ were not subject to appeal. Since 1919, appeals may be taken from the tax rates by any municipal corporation in the county to the state board of tax commissioners.⁹

At its annual meeting, beginning the second Monday of September and continuing from day to day thereafter as its business may require, the auditor lays before the board the budgets adopted and the tax levies and rates fixed by the proper authorities of the county and of each municipal corporation therein for the ensuing year.¹⁰

It is the duty of the board to examine, revise, change, or reduce, but not increase, any budget, tax levy, or rate, holding such budget within the total amount of revenue to be

⁴ Acts 1932, ch. 10, sec. 4.

⁵ Acts 1933, ch. 237, sec. 4.

⁶ Acts 1891, ch. 99, secs. 114, 125. Acts 1895, ch. 36, secs. 2, 4.

⁷ Acts 1817-18 (general), ch. 42, secs. 9, 12. Acts 1819-20, ch. 73, sec. 2. Acts 1820-21, ch. 2, sec. 2. Acts 1821-22, ch. 55, secs. 3, 4. 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 6, sec. 1. Rev. Stat. 1881, ch. 98, sec. 6269. Acts 1889, ch. 161, sec. 1. Acts 1891, ch. 99, secs. 1, 120.

⁸ Acts 1899; Burns 26-515; Baldwin 5379.

⁹ Acts 1919, ch. 59, sec. 200. Acts 1919, 1920 (Spec. Sess.), 1921, 1927, 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 64-1331; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 15735.

¹⁰ Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 64-310, 64-311; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 15897-4, 15897-5. The term "municipal corporation" specifically includes counties, townships, school townships, cities, school cities, towns, school towns, school districts, sanitary districts, park districts, and all taxing units within the state; Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 64-308; Baldwin 15897-2.

raised therefor. No change can be made in detail items, but only in the total amounts budgeted for each office.¹¹ The total of all tax rates on property within any municipal corporation for all municipal corporations for which the property therein is taxable, with certain exceptions, must not exceed the total rate as provided by law.¹² The board has the right to require officials submitting budget estimates and tax levies and rates, to attend its meeting or to furnish any necessary information, and it may employ an examiner of the state board of accounts to assist in its duties.¹³

All duties of the board of tax adjustment must be completed on or before the first day of October in the year of its appointment.¹⁴ If, for any reason, the board fails to complete its duties within the time fixed, or to reduce the aggregate amount of levies and rates to within the legal limits, the tax rate is calculated and fixed by the auditor on or before October 15.¹⁵

Appeals from the decisions of either the board of tax adjustment or the auditor may be taken to the state board of tax commissioners, whose review of all the budgets and rates of the county and any taxing unit thereof must be completed on or before November 30 or as soon thereafter as possible.¹⁶ The finding and order of the state board fixing the items of the various budgets and levies is final and conclusive.¹⁷ No restrictions or modifications in fixing tax levies by either the county or state officers above named may be made so as to affect the provisions of the Welfare Act (see Department of Public Welfare).¹⁸

The auditor, as clerk, keeps a complete record of all proceedings of the board.¹⁹

The records are located in the courthouse.

208. COUNTY ADJUSTMENT BOARD, 1934-. 3 vols.

Minutes of meetings of board of tax adjustment, showing date,

¹¹ Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 64-311; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 15897-5.

¹² Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 64-309; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 15897-3.

¹³ Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 64-310; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 15897-4.

¹⁴ Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 64-311; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 15897-5.

¹⁵ Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 64-314; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 15897-8.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, Acts 1919, 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 64-1321; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 15725.

¹⁷ *Martin v. Orthlieb*, 210 Ind. 199; 1 N. E. (2d) 1000.

¹⁸ Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 64-316; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 15897-10.

¹⁹ Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 64-310; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 15897-4.

place, and nature of meeting; names of members present; business discussed; and action taken. Arr. by dates of meetings. Typed. 75 pp. 11 x 9 x ½. Aud. rec. rm.

XII. BOARD OF FINANCE

The board of finance of Greene County, established by an act of 1907¹ and continued by the Depository Acts of 1935² and 1937, consists of the board of commissioners. The auditor is the secretary,³ and the board elects its president.⁴

The board of finance has supervision of all public funds of Greene County and of the safekeeping and deposit thereof,⁵ and may sue and be sued, in its own name, in any court of competent jurisdiction.⁶ It designates the banks to serve as depositories for county funds.⁷ The board receives from the banks monthly statements of county funds on deposit,⁸ and may, as it sees fit, revoke the commission of any depository at any time.⁹ Besides the public funds of the county, the board also designates, under authority of a separate act, the depositories for all trust funds held by the clerk of the circuit court by virtue of his office;¹⁰ and deposits of all funds of any character whatsoever coming into the custody of the clerk, auditor, sheriff, and treasurer, are subject to the provisions of the Depository Act, except certain fees specifically named as legal perquisites of these officers.¹¹

The board of finance holds an annual meeting on the third Monday in January for its organization,¹² a biennial meeting on the third Monday in February, in the odd numbered years, for the consideration of proposals of banks as depositories for the ensuing two-year period.¹³

¹ Acts 1907, ch. 222, sec. 6.

² Acts 1935, ch. 70, sec. 7.

³ Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 61-629; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-50.

⁴ Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 61-633; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-54.

⁵ Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 61-629; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-50.

⁶ Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 61-633; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-54.

⁷ Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 61-635, 61-636; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-56, 13844-57.

⁸ Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 61-638; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-59.

⁹ Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 61-636; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-57.

¹⁰ Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 61-673; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 1438-1.

¹¹ Acts 1932 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 64-1538.

¹² Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 61-633; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-54.

¹³ Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 61-636; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-57.

The agents of all boards of finance—county, city, town, school, and township—and of all banks desiring to become depositories, are called together by the president of the county board in a joint meeting biennially, within five days before the date fixed for filing the proposals, for the purpose of making an agreement designating depositories and the amount of deposits in each. The total maximum amount of all public funds controlled by the several boards in the county is considered as one fund in making deposits in such proportion as the total resources of each depository bear to the total resources of all. The secretary of the county board is the secretary of the joint meeting and records its proceedings in the record of the county board.¹⁴

The auditor, as secretary of the board of finance, keeps a record of its proceedings.¹⁵

The records are located in the courthouse.

¹⁴ Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 61-635; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-56.

¹⁵ Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 61-633; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-54.

209. RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS [Board of Finance], 1907-35.

1 vol. 1936—, in Commissioners' Record, entry 1. Minutes of meetings of board of finance, showing date and place of meeting, names of members present, nature of business discussed, and action taken. Arr. by dates of meetings. 1907-21, hdw.; 1922-35, typed. 516 pp. 18 x 12 x 3½. Aud. off.

210. [DEPOSITORY STATEMENTS], 1894—. 34 file boxes.

Monthly statements by depositories to board of finance of deposits and withdrawals of county funds, showing date of statement; dates and amounts of deposits, withdrawals, interest earned, overdrafts or balances; and names of depositories and funds. Hdw. 10 x 5 x 14. 33 file boxes, 1894-1930, stor. rm., 3d floor; 1 file box, 1931—, aud. pvt. off.

XIII. SCHOOL FUND BOARD

The school fund board of Greene County, as created by an act of 1935, consists of the auditor and the clerk of the circuit court ex officio and one person appointed by the judge of the circuit court for a two-year term. No more than two members of the board may be adherents of the same political party.¹

¹ Acts 1865, 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 28-209; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 6558.

Originally, loans from the school funds of Greene County were made by the school commissioner, elected by the voters for a three-year term, in accordance with an act of 1829. The school commissioner was a financial agent of the county to manage the school funds and the lands belonging thereto.² This office was abolished in Greene County in 1850 and the duties transferred to the treasurer.³ Later, under the Revised Statutes of 1852, the duties were divided between the auditor and treasurer.⁴ The auditor had the sole authority to make loans until 1935.⁵

The common school fund, as established by the Constitution of 1851,⁶ is kept by the auditor in pursuance of an act of 1865, in two separate accounts:⁷ 1) The common school fund, consisting of moneys from the sale of escheated property, fines assessed by the courts, all lands granted to the state without a special object named in the grant, all moneys and lands formerly belonging to county seminaries, and all appropriations for schools, together with sundry minor funds. 2) The congressional township school fund, consisting of moneys from the sale of congressional township school lands.⁸ Distribution of the common school fund is made by the state biennially to the counties on the basis of the last enumeration of school children. Both funds are in the control of the county and are loaned and managed by the county,⁹ which is held liable for both principal and interest.¹⁰ Whenever more than five thousand dollars in either fund remains unloaned in the county for six months, the county auditor must notify the auditor of state and the unloaned moneys may be transferred from the county to another county.¹¹

The school fund board makes all loans from these school funds to owners of real estate, properly secured by mortgage.

² Acts 1828-29, ch. 84, sec. 8.

³ Acts 1849-50 (general), ch. 231, secs. 2, 4.

⁴ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 98, sec. 133.

⁵ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 98, sec. 34. Acts 1865, ch. 1, sec. 75.

⁶ Const., art. 8, sec. 2. Though the constitutional provision combines all moneys into one fund—the common school fund—these two funds are still called by their separate names as before, as well as kept separately on the auditor's books.

⁷ Acts 1865; Burns 28-105; Baldwin 6511.

⁸ Acts 1865; Burns 28-101; Baldwin 6499.

⁹ Acts 1907; Burns 28-102; Baldwin 6500.

¹⁰ Acts 1865; Burns 28-104; Baldwin 6499-1.

¹¹ Acts 1901; Burns 28-206; Baldwin 6573.

The board must satisfy itself, after approval of the title by the county attorney, as to the value of real estate offered in the mortgage, the validity of the title, and whether it is encumbered.^{1 2} Loans may also be made to the county upon proper authorization by the county council, in certain cases, for a period not exceeding five years.^{1 3}

The records are located in the courthouse.

^{1 2} Acts 1865, 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 28-209; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 6558.

^{1 3} Acts 1901; Burns 28-201, 28-202; Baldwin 6568, 6569.

211. SCHOOL FUND MORTGAGES, 1892-. 3 file boxes.

Original mortgages on real estate executed to secure school fund loans, showing date and amount of mortgage, name of mortgagor, location and description of property, and conditions of repayment. Arr. by dates of mortgages. Hdw. 8 x 5 x 10. Aud. off.

For other school fund records, see entries 82, 212, 315.

212. ABSTRACT OF TITLE, 1895-. 4 file drawers.

Original abstracts of title to real estate mortgaged to secure school fund loans, showing location and description of property, date of each transfer, names of grantors and grantees, list of incumbrances, and dates satisfied. Arr. alph. by names of grantees. 1895-1912, hdw.; 1913-, typed. 14 x 16 x 21. Aud. off.

For other school fund records, see entries 82, 211, 315.

XIV. TREASURER

The treasurer is a constitutional officer, elected for a two-year term. The office of treasurer in Greene County is established under the Constitution of 1851; no person is eligible to hold it for more than four years in any six-year period.¹ The treasurer is required to execute his official bond in the penalty of not less than the amount of money which may come into his hands at any time during his term.²

Prior to the Constitution of 1851, the office of treasurer was first established in Greene County in 1821, the date of its organization, under authority of an act of 1817 and the organization act. The treasurer, then a statutory officer,

¹ Const., art. 6, sec. 2.

² 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1865, 1919; Burns 49-3101; Baldwin 5548.

was appointed by the board of commissioners.³ He received and disbursed county funds,⁴ but did not collect the taxes.⁵ From 1821 to 1841, the sheriff or some other person was appointed collector of taxes by the board of commissioners, under authority of the acts of 1818 and 1824.⁶ By an act of 1841, the treasurer became an elective officer, and has collected taxes since that time.⁷

The treasurer receives all moneys coming to Greene County and disburses the same on proper orders issued and attested by the auditor.⁸ He collects all taxes for state, county, school, road, or other purposes, due the county on the tax duplicate,⁹ delivered to him by the auditor,¹⁰ including city taxes.¹¹ He sells real estate¹² and personal property¹³ at public auction for delinquent taxes. He also collects taxes from corporations in the county,¹⁴ inheritance taxes on estates of decedents resident in the county,¹⁵ and the excise tax on shares of stock and deposits of banks¹⁶ and loan associations;¹⁷ and sells intangible tax stamps for the state board of tax commissioners.¹⁸

The treasurer makes quarterly reports to the board of commissioners, showing the true amount of money in the county treasury;¹⁹ a monthly report to the auditor, showing the total amount of cash payments received during the month and the respective accounts to which the payments were applied;²⁰ semi-annual settlements for taxes with the county auditor in May

³ Commissioners' Record A:7.

⁴ Acts 1816-17, ch. 17, secs. 1, 2. Acts 1821-22, ch. 72, sec. 2.

⁵ Acts 1816-17, ch. 17, sec. 10; ch. 19, secs. 9, 15, 16.

⁶ Acts 1817-18 (general), ch. 42, sec. 14. Rev. Laws 1824, ch. 86, sec. 18.

⁷ Acts 1840-41 (general), ch. 4, secs. 1, 13.

⁸ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3103, 49-3111; Baldwin 5550, 5558.

⁹ Acts 1919; Burns 64-1502; Baldwin 15748.

¹⁰ Acts 1919; Burns 64-1408; Baldwin 15745.

¹¹ Acts 1933; Burns 48-1219; Baldwin 11400.

¹² Acts 1919; Burns 64-1516; Baldwin 15770.

¹³ Acts 1919; Burns 64-1705; Baldwin 15782.

¹⁴ Acts 1919; Burns 64-1801; Baldwin 15783.

¹⁵ Acts 1931; Burns 6-2413; Baldwin 15951.

¹⁶ Acts 1933; Burns 64-804; Baldwin 15585.

¹⁷ Acts 1933; Burns 64-827; Baldwin 15608.

¹⁸ Acts 1933; Burns 64-927; Baldwin 15925.

¹⁹ Acts 1895, 1913; Burns 49-1403; Baldwin 7578.

²⁰ Acts 1919; Burns 64-2101; Baldwin 15802.

and November²¹ and in accordance therewith pays to the state treasurer in June and December all money due for state purposes;²² and makes such other payments to the state treasurer as authorized during the year.²³ He makes to the auditor, quarterly and at the expiration of his term of office, a sworn report showing specifically the amount of fees collected,²⁴ and deposits quarterly with the auditor all orders (warrants) redeemed.²⁵ The treasurer is ex officio a member of the board of review of Greene County.²⁶

The treasurer must keep his office at the county seat and it must be open for the transaction of business during business hours;²⁷ he must keep his office and books and papers belonging thereto in a fireproof building, where such has been provided by the board of commissioners.²⁸ He keeps separate cashbooks—for taxes and special assessments and for payments for all other purposes²⁹—and is required to keep his books by separate accounts for separate funds or specific appropriations as well as by one general account.³⁰

The records are located in the courthouse.

TAX COLLECTIONS

PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY

213. TAX DUPLICATE, 1847—. 548 vols. Title varies:

Tax Duplicate and Delinquent List.

Record compiled annually by auditor of all taxes payable, showing duplicate number; names of taxing unit and taxpayer; location, description, and valuation of property and improvements; amounts of personal and poll taxes and special assessments; deductions for exemptions, and amounts paid and returned delinquent. Arr. by taxing units, thereunder alph. by names of taxpayers. Hdw. 518 pp. 26 x 17 x 3. 386 vols., 1847—

²¹ Acts 1919; Burns 64-2501; Baldwin 15850.

²² Acts 1919; Burns 64-2503, 64-2504; Baldwin 15852, 15853.

²³ Acts 1859, 1861; Burns 49-1813; Baldwin 15059. Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 61-626; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-47.

²⁴ Acts 1895, 1903, 1913; Burns 49-1402; Baldwin 7577.

²⁵ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3114; Baldwin 5561.

²⁶ Acts 1919, 1920 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 64-1201; Baldwin 15700.

²⁷ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3106; Baldwin 5553.

²⁸ Acts 1853; Burns 49-3107, 49-3108; Baldwin 5556, 5557.

²⁹ Acts 1919; Burns 64-2101; Baldwin 15802.

³⁰ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3109; Baldwin 5554.

1919, stor. rm., 3d floor; 148 vols., 1920-, treas. off.; 14 vols., 1912, 1936-, aud. off.

214. CASH BOOK, 1894-. 53 vols. (A-O, E, F, 1-28, 27, 28, and 6 vols. not numbered). Title varies: 1911-, Cash Book of Taxes.

Record of cash received in payment of current and delinquent taxes, showing date and amount of payment, number of tax receipt, and name of taxpayer. Arr. by dates of payments. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. 23 vols., 1894-1910, stor. rm., 3d floor; 30 vols., 1911-, treas. off.

215. SCHEDULE OF TAXES COLLECTED, 1877-1910. 14 vols.

Record of payment of taxes, showing date and amount of payment, number of tax receipt, and names of taxpayer and taxing unit. Arr. by taxing units, thereunder alph. by names of taxpayers. Hdw. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

216. TAX RECEIPTS, 1900, 1905, 1909, 1913-20. 220 vols. Duplicate tax statements of taxes payable, showing dates of statement and installment, names of taxing unit and taxpayer, location and description of real estate, duplicate number, and total amount payable. Arr. by dates of statements. Hdw. Condition fair. 200 pp. 15 x 8 x 2. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

217. RECEIPT FOR TAX PAYMENTS, 1934-. 86 pigeon holes, 9 file boxes.

Duplicate tax statements of taxes payable, showing dates of statement and installment, names of taxing unit and taxpayer, location and description of real estate, duplicate number, and total amount payable. Arr. by dates of statements. Typed. Pigeonholes, 5 x 4 x 10; file boxes, 5 x 9 x 23. Treas. off.

INHERITANCE TAX

(See also entries 170, 203).

218. CURRENT INHERITANCE TAX, 1921-. 1 file box.

Orders determining value of estates and amount of inheritance taxes, showing dates of order, decedent's death, appraisal of estate, and filing of schedule; names of estate, appraiser, heirs, and executor or administrator; values of real and personal property; location and description of property; amount of deduction for indebtedness; rate and amount of tax; and amount allowed appraiser. Arr. by dates of orders. Hdw. 5 x 4 x 10. Treas. pvt. off.

219. [DUPLICATE INHERITANCE TAX], 1914-. 2 vols.

Record of inheritance taxes due and payable, showing date of schedule, names of estate and legatees, amounts of tax and interest against each heir, and total tax against estate. Arr.

by dates of schedules. Hdw. 485 pp. 28 x 10 x 2½. Treas. pvt. off.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

220. DITCH ASSESSMENT DUPLICATE, 1916-. 3 vols.

Record of assessments for ditch construction and repair, showing date and amount of assessment; date due; location and description of property benefitted; amounts of current and delinquent installments, interest, costs, and penalties; amount unpaid, and name of payer. Arr. alph. by names of payers. Hdw. 475 pp. 18 x 15 x 2½. Treas. off.

221. DITCH TAX DUPLICATE, 1891-1909. 17 vols. Title varies: Gravel Road and Ditch Duplicate; Ditch and Gravel Road Duplicate.

Record of assessments for construction and maintenance of gravel roads and ditches, showing date and amount of assessment; names of property owner and road or ditch; location and description of land benefitted; amounts of payment, delinquency, interest, and penalty; and total assessment. Arr. by names of roads or ditches, thereunder alph. by names of property owners. Hdw. 498 pp. 23 x 18 x 2. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

222. CASH BOOK OF RECEIPTS DITCH AND LEVEE ASSESSMENT, 1922-. 1 vol.

Record of collections of special assessments on ditches and levees, showing date and amount of collection; duplicate number; names of ditch, levee, and taxpayer; and total amount collected. Arr. by dates of collections. Hdw. 568 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Treas. pvt. off.

DELINQUENTS

(See also entries 299)

223. WORK SHEETS, 1934-. 9 vols. (1-9).

Record of taxes returned delinquent, showing duplicate number; names of taxpayer and taxing unit; location and description of property; and amounts of delinquencies, penalties and interest. Arr. by names of taxing units, thereunder alph. by names of taxpayers. Hdw. 1000 pp. 10 x 12 x 6. Treas. off.

224. MORATORIUM TAX DUPLICATE, 1933-. 1 vol.

Record of delinquent taxes on which payment has been deferred, showing date of moratorium, name of taxpayer, location and description of property, amounts of delinquency and interest, date payable, and volume and page reference to Tax Duplicate, entry 213. Arr. by names of taxing units, thereunder alph.

by names of taxpayers. Hdw. 150 pp. 18 x 14 x 2½. Treas. off.

225. COLLECTION REGISTER, 1884-1914. 63 vols.

Record of delinquent taxes, showing duplicate number, names of taxpayer and taxing unit; location and description of property, and amount of tax due, including penalty and cost. Arr. by taxing units, thereunder alph. by names of taxpayers. Hdw. 370 pp. 15 x 8 x ½. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

226. DELINQUENT TAX RECEIPTS, 1888-1920. 11 vols.

Stubs of receipts issued for payment of delinquent taxes, showing duplicate number, date and amount of payment, and name of taxpayer. Arr. by dates of payments. Hdw. 240 pp. 15 x 8 x 2. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

227. REDEMPTION RECEIPTS, 1888-95; 1900-1906. 2 vols.

Stubs of receipts issued by treasurer for money received for redemption of property sold for delinquent taxes, showing date and number of receipt, names of purchaser and redeemer, location and description of property, tax sale certificate number, and amount of redemption. Arr. by dates of receipts. Hdw. 300 pp. 9 x 5 x 1½. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

228. INSOLVENT RECORD, 1859-75, 1877-. 5 vols. (1, 1-4).

Record of taxes deemed uncollectible and removed from duplicate, showing names of taxpayer and taxing unit, amount of tax uncollected, date and number of duplicate, and location and description of taxables. Arr. by taxing units, thereunder alph. by names of taxpayers. Hdw. Condition poor. 1 vol., 1859-75, stor. rm., 3d floor; 4 vols., 1877-, treas. off.

INTANGIBLE TAX

(See also entry 204)

229. [INTANGIBLE TAX STAMPS], 1933-. 3 vols.

Daily inventory of intangible tax stamps on hand, received, and sold, showing date of statement, balance on hand, amount of each denomination received, value of stamps sold during day, and balance on hand at close of day. Arr. by dates of statements. Hdw. 200 pp. 9 x 6 x ½. Treas. off.

230. [INTANGIBLE TAX STAMP SALES], 1933-. 1 vol.

Record of consignment of intangible tax stamps, showing date of receipt, and amount of sale, consignment and receipt numbers, debits and credits by denominations, and balance. Arr. by dates of sales. Hdw. 38 pp. 18 x 14 x 1½. Treas. pvt. off.

231. INTANGIBLE TAX STAMPS, 1933-. 1 vol.

Record of receipts issued by treasurer to banks for intangible tax payments, showing date, number, and amount of receipt; names of bank and taxing unit; and monthly tax report number.

Arr. by dates of receipts. Hdw. 125 pp. 14 x 7 x 1. Treas. pvt. off.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

232. DAILY BALANCE OF CASH AND DEPOSITORIES, 1908-23, 1925-. 18 vols. (10 vols. not numbered, 1-8). Title varies: Daily Balance of Cash.

Record of daily balance of cash on hand and in depositories, showing date of balance; previous balance; amounts received, disbursed, deposited, and withdrawn from depositories; balance of cash on hand and in depositories; and total current balance. Arr. by dates of balances. Hdw. 644 pp. 17 x 12 x 3. 3 vols., 1908-14, stor. rm., 3d floor; 5 vols., 1915-23, treas. pvt. off.; 10 vols., 1925-, treas. off.

233. RECORD OF BALANCES, 1912-. 2 vols.

Record of monthly balances of all money received and disbursed, showing date of balance, name of fund, total amount of receipts and disbursements, and balance or overdraft. Arr. by dates of balances. Hdw. 300 pp. 19 x 17 x 2. Treas. pvt. off.

234. BANK RECONCILEMENT SHEETS, 1937-. 1 file box.

Monthly balances of county funds in depositories, showing date of statement, name of depository, amounts of previous and current balances, and dates and amounts of deposits and withdrawals. Arr. by dates of statements. 5 x 4 x 10. Treas. off.

235. TREASURER'S LEDGER OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1925-. 1 vol.

Record of receipts and disbursements of county funds, showing date, purpose, and amount of receipt or disbursement; names of payee or payer and fund; and balance. Arr. by names of funds, thereunder by dates of receipts or disbursements. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 18 x 3. Treas. pvt. off.

For prior Record of Receipts, see entry 236; for prior Record of Disbursements, see entry 237.

236. RECORD OF RECEIPTS, 1912-25. 3 vols. (2 vols. not numbered, 1).

Register of receipts of money paid to treasurer, showing date, number, and amount of receipt; and names of payer and fund. Arr. by dates of receipts. Hdw. 200 pp. 22 x 16 x 2. Treas. pvt. off.

For subsequent records, see entry 235.

237. RECORD OF DISBURSEMENTS, 1912-Feb. 2, 1925. 3 vols.

Record of disbursements of county funds, showing date, number, and amount of disbursement; names of payee and fund; and

total disbursements. Arr. by dates of disbursements. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 20 x 2. Treas. pvt. off.

For subsequent records, see entry 235.

238. GENERAL RECORD, 1879-1917. 8 vols. (2-8, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of cash received and disbursed from various funds, showing date, amount, and purpose of receipt or disbursement; balance; and name of fund. Indexed alph. by names of funds. Hdw. 538 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½. 7 vols., 1879-June 6, 1912, stor. rm., 3d floor; 1 vol. June 8, 1912-17, treas. pvt. off.

239. RECORD OF APPROPRIATION AND DISBURSEMENT, 1900-1916. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of appropriation and disbursement of county revenue, showing dates and amounts of appropriation and disbursement; date, number, and amount of warrant; names of fund and payee or payer; total amount of disbursements; and balance. Arr. by names of funds, thereunder by dates of disbursements. Hdw. 252 pp. 18 x 14 x 1½. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

240. RECORD OF APPROPRIATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1909-10. 1 vol.

Record of appropriations and disbursements for maintenance of free gravel roads, showing amount of appropriation; date and amount of disbursement; order number; names of payee, fund, township, and road; total disbursements; and balance. Arr. by dates of disbursements. 500 pp. 23 x 18 x 3. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

241. CASH BOOK OF DISBURSEMENTS ON AUDITOR'S WARRANTS, 1911-21. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of disbursements of county revenue on warrants issued by auditor, showing date, number, amount, and purpose of warrant; names of payee and fund; and balance. Arr. by dates of warrants. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 20 x 2. 1 vol., 1911-13, stor. rm., 3d floor; 2 vols., 1914-21, treas. pvt. off.

242. REGISTER OF WARRANTS BY DEPOSITORIES, 1913--. 19 vols. (1-3, 1-4, and 12 vols. not numbered). Title varies: Warrants Paid by Banks.

Record of warrants on county funds deposited in various depositories, showing date, number, and amount of warrant; names of payee, depository, and fund; and total amounts of warrants and balance. Arr. by names of depositories, thereunder by dates of warrants. Hdw. 588 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 12 vols., 1913-16, stor. rm., 3d floor; 7 vols., 1917-, treas. pvt. off.

For prior records, see entry 243.

243. REGISTER OF ORDERS REDEEMED, 1852-1917. 13 vols.

Title varies: 1882-93, Register of Orders.

Record of orders issued by auditor and redeemed by treasurer, showing date, number, purpose, and amount of order; names of payee and fund; and date order redeemed. Arr. by order nos. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 11 vols., 1852-April 1915, stor. rm., 3d floor; 2 vols., May 1915-17, treas. off.

For subsequent records, see entry 242.

244. REGISTER OF ORDERS PAID, [Free Gravel Roads], 1906-17. 2 vols.

Register of orders issued by auditor on treasurer for payment of claims for construction and repair of gravel roads, showing date, number, and amount of order; nature of claim; and names of payee and road. Hdw. 550 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 1 vol., 1906-19, stor. rm., 3d floor; 1 vol., 1910-17, treas. off.

For subsequent records, see entry 242.

245. REDEEMED AND CANCELLED WARRANTS, 1933-. 3 file boxes.

Redeemed and canceled warrants issued by auditor to pay county expenses, showing date, number, purpose, and amount of warrant; names of payee, depository, and fund; and date of redemption. Arr. by dates of warrants. Typed. 5 x 4 x 10. Treas. pvt. off.

246. J. P.'S REPORT OF FINES TO TREASURER, 1927-. 1 file box.

Reports of fines collected and submitted by justice of the peace to treasurer, showing date of report; date and amount of collection; and names of plaintiff, defendant, justice, township, and payer. Arr. by dates of reports. Hdw. 5 x 4 x 10. Treas. pvt. off.

247. EXCHANGE REGISTER, 1908-. 19 vols.

Clearance record of personal checks drawn on banks other than county depositories offered in payment of indebtedness to county, showing date, number, and amount of check; and names of signer, indorsers, and bank. Arr. by dates of checks. Hdw. 580 pp. 16 x 12 x 1½. 3 vols., 1908-12, stor. rm., 3d floor; 16 vols., 1913-, treas. pvt. off.

248. OLD QUIETUSES, 1928-. 4 file boxes.

Quietuses issued by state auditor to county treasurer for receipt of funds paid to state, showing dates of settlement and quietus, names of county and treasurer, amount of settlement, kind of fund, and signature of state auditor. Arr. by dates of quietuses. Hdw. 4 x 4 x 10. Treas. pvt. off.

SCHOOL FUNDS

(See also entries 82, 211, 212, 303-15)

249. LEDGER OF SCHOOL FUNDS, 1853-1912. 4 vols.

Record of receipts and disbursements of school funds, showing date, amount, and purpose of receipt or disbursement; names of payer or payee and fund; and balance. Arr. by dates of receipts or disbursements. Hdw. 242 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

For prior records, see entries 236, 237.

XV. AUDITOR

The auditor is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term. The office of auditor is established in Greene County under the Constitution of 1851, and no person is eligible to hold it for more than eight years in any twelve-year period.¹ He is required to post bond in the amount of ten thousand dollars, approved by and filed with the board of commissioners.²

Prior to 1841, the clerk of the circuit court performed many duties relative to county business and the receipt and disbursements of county funds.³ In that year, the office of auditor was established to relieve the clerk of the circuit court of those duties. He was elected by the voters of the county for a five-year term.⁴ An act of 1844 abolished the office of county auditor and transferred the duties to the clerk of the circuit court, who became auditor ex officio,⁵ until the Constitution of 1851 re-established the office of auditor.⁶

The auditor is the financial agent of the county and the routine administration of county affairs centers in his office, through which all financial transactions are conducted.⁷

The principal functions of the auditor are fourfold: As a county "controller" he keeps the accounts of the county and

¹ Const., art. 6, sec. 2.

² Acts 1889; Burns 49-3003; Baldwin 5417.

³ Acts 1816-17, ch. 17, sec. 5. *History of Greene and Sullivan Counties*, 74.

⁴ Acts 1840-41 (general), ch. 2, secs. 1, 8, 53, 54.

⁵ Acts 1843-44 (general), ch. 22, secs. 1-3. *History, op. cit.*, 74.

⁶ Const., art. 6, sec. 2. Jones v. Cavens, 4 Ind. 305. Huddleston v. Pearson, 6 Ind. 337.

⁷ Snider, Clyde Frank, and Sappenfield, Max M., "County and Township Government in Indiana", in *Report of the Indiana State Committee on Governmental Economy*, 1935, p. 103.

issues warrants for all claims allowed by the board of commissioners, by court order,⁸ or otherwise, as the statutes provide.⁹ Ex officio he is clerk to the board of commissioners,¹⁰ the county council,¹¹ and the board of tax adjustment,¹² and secretary of the board of finance.¹³ He is also a member and secretary of the board of review,¹⁴ and a member of the school fund board.¹⁵ It is his duty, as a tax officer, to prepare the official tax duplicates.¹⁶ He certifies to the treasurer the amount of taxes due from banks;¹⁷ and, if the board of tax adjustment fails to complete its duties on time or to reduce the rate to the legal maximum, he fixes the tax rate within any municipal corporation in the county.¹⁸ As budget officer, he compiles estimates made to him by each county agency; keeps them on file for one month, subject to inspection by any taxpayer; and submits them with his recommendations to the county council at its annual meeting.¹⁹

Other duties are: Managing the common school and the congressional township school funds, with the exception of making loans;²⁰ preparing the ditch duplicate, covering assessments for construction or repair of ditches and drains;²¹ issuing licenses to peddlers, shows, and theaters,²² and permits for public warehouses;²³ acknowledging deeds and mortgages executed for the security of trust fund loans;²⁴ and approving bonds of township trustees.²⁵

⁸ Acts 1897; Burns 26-809; Baldwin 5257.

⁹ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3005; Baldwin 5419.

¹⁰ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3004; Baldwin 5418.

¹¹ Acts 1899; Burns 26-509; Baldwin 5373.

¹² Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 64-310; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 15897-4.

¹³ Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 61-629; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-50.

¹⁴ Acts 1919, 1920 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 64-1201; Baldwin 15700.

¹⁵ Acts 1865, 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 28-209; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 6558.

¹⁶ Acts 1919; Burns 64-1403; Baldwin 15740.

¹⁷ Acts 1933; Burns 64-810; Baldwin 15591.

¹⁸ Acts 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 64-314; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 15897-8.

¹⁹ Acts 1899; Burns 26-520; Baldwin 5384.

²⁰ Acts 1865; Burns 28-105; Baldwin 6511. Acts 1865, 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 28-209;

Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 6558.

²¹ Acts 1933; Burns 27-134; Baldwin 5770.

²² 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 42-204; Baldwin 10447. Acts 1917, 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl.,

42-201; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 10443.

²³ Acts 1875, 1879 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 67-201; Baldwin 16206.

²⁴ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3011; Baldwin 5425.

²⁵ Acts 1915; Burns 65-103; Baldwin 16061.

The auditor must keep his office at the county seat and must keep it open for the transaction of business at all times during business hours.²⁶ He keeps a record of all the financial transactions of his office in cashbooks,²⁷ warrant books,²⁸ fee books,²⁹ and in such separate books as are prescribed by law. He is required to keep separate accounts for each specific item of appropriation by the county council³⁰ and an accurate account current, with the treasurer, of county funds.³¹ He also keeps a transfer book, arranged by townships, cities and towns, of all land conveyances in the county.³² He keeps the records of all boards of which he is clerk or secretary and must preserve the documents, books, papers, and maps deposited in his office.³³

The records are located in the courthouse.

AUDITS AND REPORTS

250. [FIELD EXAMINER'S REPORT], 1910-. 4 file boxes. Reports of audits of county offices by field examiners of state board of accounts, showing dates of audit and report, names of office examined and officer, and complete financial statement. Arr. by dates of reports. Typed. 3 file boxes, 1910-36, aud. off.; 1 file box, 1937-, aud. pvt. off.

251. REPORT OF OFFICERS' FEES, 1894-. 5 cartons, 1 file drawer. Quarterly reports of county officers to auditor of fees and cash collected, showing date of report, name of officer, and amount and nature of fees or cash. Arr. by dates of reports. Hdw. Cartons, 5 x 9 x 10; file drawer, 4 x 10 x 12. 5 cartons, 1894-1927, stor. rm., 3d floor; 1 file drawer, 1928-, aud. off.

252. TRUSTEES' REPORT TO ADVISORY BOARD, 1878-96, 1905, 1911-. 190 vols. Title varies: 1878-96, Record of Trustees' Reports. Copies of township trustees' reports to advisory board submitted to auditor, showing date of report; names of fund, township, and trustee; dates, purposes, and amounts of receipts and dis-

²⁶ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3002; Baldwin 5416.

²⁷ Acts 1895; Burns 49-1401; Baldwin 7576.

²⁸ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3005; Baldwin 5419.

²⁹ Acts 1895; Burns 49-1306; Baldwin 7559.

³⁰ Acts 1899; Burns 26-523; Baldwin 5387.

³¹ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3010; Baldwin 5423.

³² Acts 1919; Burns 64-1409; Baldwin 15746.

³³ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3004; Baldwin 5418.

bursement; receipt and order numbers; and totals. Arr. by names of funds, thereunder by dates of receipts and disbursements. Hdw. 150 pp. 14 x 10 x 1. 40 vols., 1878-1911, 1919, 1920, 1926, stor. rm., 3d floor; 150 vols., 1912-, aud. off.

253. TRUSTEES' DOG REPORTS, 1894-. 4 cartons, 1 file box. Township trustees' annual reports to auditor of receipts and disbursements of dog fund, showing date of report; names of township and trustee; previous balance; nature of receipt; purpose of disbursement; names of payee, payer, and fund; voucher number; and current balance. Arr. by dates of reports. Hdw. Cartons, 4 x 4 x 10; file box, 8 x 5 x 10; 4 cartons, 1894-1933, stor. rm., 3d floor; 1 file box, 1934-, aud. off.

254. TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES' VOUCHERS, 1905-. 4 cartons, 5 file boxes, 3 file drawers.

Vouchers issued by township trustees for disbursement of township funds, showing date, number, and amount of voucher; names of payee and fund; and purpose of payment. Arr. by dates of vouchers. Hdw. Cartons, 4 x 4 x 10; file boxes, 10 x 5 x 14; file drawers, 6 x 24 x 18. 4 cartons, 4 file boxes, 1905-20, stor. rm., 3d floor; 1 file box, 3 file drawers, 1921-, aud. off.

255. TRUSTEES' HOSPITAL CERTIFICATES, 1917-. 2 file drawers. Auditor's copies of trustees' hospital certificates authorizing admittance of patient to state hospitals, showing date of certificate, names of county, township, hospital, and patient; and length of patient's residence in township. Arr. by dates of certificates. Hdw. 2 x 8 x 16. Aud. off.

256. TRUSTEES' POOR REPORTS, 1937-. 2 file boxes.

Township trustees' monthly reports of expenditures for poor relief, showing date of report; name, age, sex, color, occupation, and nationality of indigent; length of residence in township; number of dependents; and amount and nature of relief granted. Arr. by dates of reports. Typed. 10 x 5 x 14. Aud. off.

257. TREASURER'S MONTHLY AND ANNUAL REPORT, 1903-31. 1 carton, 1 file drawer.

Treasurer's monthly and annual financial reports to auditor of condition of treasurer's accounts, showing date of report, amounts collected and disbursed, and balance or overdraft. Hdw. Arr. by dates of reports. Carton, 4 x 10 x 16; file drawer, 4 x 10 x 12. 1 carton, 1903-26, stor. rm., 3d floor; 1 file drawer, 1927-, aud. off.

258. ENUMERATION OF WHITE AND COLORED MALES, 1907-. 55 vols.

Sexennial enumeration of white and colored male inhabitants

over 21 years of age, showing date of enumeration; and name, age, color, and address of registrant. Arr. alph. by names of registrants. Hdw. 68 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. 24 vols., 1907-31, pub. wlfrr. off.; 31 vols., 1932-, aud. off.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

GENERAL FUNDS

259. MONTHLY BALANCE RECORD, 1912-. 3 vols.

Record of monthly balances of all county funds, showing dates of statement and previous balance, amounts of receipts and disbursements, depository balances, names of funds, and current balance in each fund. Arr. by dates of statements. Hdw. 16 x 20 x 1½. Aud. off.

260. FEE AND CASH BOOK, 1895-. 7 vols. Title varies: 1895-1910, Auditor's Cash Book.

Record of fees and cash received by auditor from various sources, showing date, amount, and purpose of receipt; names of payer and fund; total receipts; and date of payment to treasurer. Arr. by dates of receipts. Hdw. 300 pp. 17 x 12 x 2. 3 vols., 1895-1910, stor. rm., 3d floor; 4 vols., 1911-, aud. off.

261. REGISTER OF RECEIPTS, 1924-. 4 vols.

Duplicates of quietuses issued by auditor on treasurer's receipts for payments of money to treasurer, showing date and number of quietus, names of payer and fund, and amount and purpose of payment. Arr. by dates of quietuses. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 1 vol., 1924-Oct. 1930, stor. rm., bsmt.; 3 vols., Dec. 1930-, aud. pvt. off.

262. LEDGER OF RECEIPTS, APPROPRIATIONS, AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1900-. 21 vols. Title varies: 1900-1910, Record of Appropriations and Disbursements; 1911-13, Appropriation Ledger; 1914-23, Record of Appropriations and Disbursements.

Record of receipts, appropriations, and disbursements of various county funds, showing date, amount, and purpose of receipt, appropriation or disbursement; names of payee or payer and fund; number and amount of receipt or warrant; and balance. Arr. by names of funds. Hdw. 325 pp. 17 x 19 x 2½. 11 vols., 1900-1911, stor. rm., 3d floor; 10 vols., 1912-, aud. off.

263. RECORD OF DISBURSEMENTS, 1894-99. 2 vols.

Record of disbursements of county funds, showing date, number, purpose, and amount of order; names of payee and fund; and total disbursements from each fund. Arr. by dates of orders. Hdw. 250 pp. 17 x 19 x 2. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

264. LEDGER, 1902-15. 2 vols. (4, 5). Title varies: 1902-7, General Ledger.

Record of receipts and disbursements of county funds, showing date and purpose of receipt or disbursement; date, number, and amount of receipt or warrant; names of payee or payer and fund; and balance. Arr. by names of funds, thereunder by dates of receipts or disbursements. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud. off.

265. JOURNAL, 1860-78. 3 vols. Title varies: 1860-May 1865, Journal County Purposes; June 1865-68, Journal Auditor's Office.

Register of receipts and disbursements of county revenue, showing date, number, and amount of receipt or disbursement; and names of payer, payee, and fund. Arr. by dates of receipts or disbursements. Hdw. 500 pp. 16 x 9 x 2½. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

266. RECAPITULATION, 1925-. 4 vols.

Auditor's recapitulation of tax collections from tax duplicates, showing name, age, and address of property owner; description, location, and valuation of real and personal property and improvements; tax duplicate numbers; former delinquencies; soldier and mortgage exemptions; and total amount of current and delinquent tax. Arr. alph. by names of property owners. Hdw. 600 pp. 26 x 17 x 3. 2 vols., 1925-28, aud. off.; 2 vols., 1929-, aud. pvt. off.

267. REGISTER OF WARRANTS, 1925-. 13 vols.

Carbon copies of warrants issued to treasurer for payment of county expenses, showing date, number, and amount of warrant; name of payee; and purpose of payment. Arr. by warrant nos. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 4. 3 vols., 1925-30, stor. rm., bsmt.; 10 vols., 1931-, aud. off.

For prior records, see entry 268.

268. REGISTER OF WARRANTS, 1911-24. 4 vols.

Register of warrants issued to treasurer for payment of county expenses, showing date, number, and amount of warrant; name of payee; and purpose of payment. Arr. by warrant nos. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 4. Aud. off.

For subsequent records, see entry 267.

269. [REGISTER OF WELFARE WARRANTS], 1936-. 4 vols.

Duplicate warrants drawn on welfare fund for assistance to aged and blind persons and dependent children, showing date, number, and amount of warrant; case number; names of payee and fund; and date of redemption. Arr. by dates of warrants. Mar.-Oct., 1936, hdw.; Nov., 1936-, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 11 x 4. Aud. pvt. off.

For other old-age assistance records, see entries 98, 357-362.

270. AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE OF DISTRIBUTION, 1912. 6 vols. Record of certificates for the semiannual distribution of tax collections to the various taxing units, showing date, number, nature, and amount of certificate; names of taxing unit and fund; and total distribution. Arr. by dates of certificate. Hdw. 450 pp. 17 x 11 x 2½. 1 vol., 1912-Mar. 1914, stor. rm., 3d floor; 2 vols., May 1914-22, aud. off.; 3 vols., 1923-, aud. pvt. off.

For prior records, see entry 271.

271. RECORD OF SETTLEMENT WITH COUNTY TREASURER, 1875-77, 1881-82, 1886-1911. 8 vols. Record of settlement with various taxing units for amounts due from tax collections, showing date of settlement, names of taxing units and funds, amount of tax distributed, amount of delinquent tax due, and total distribution. Arr. by dates of settlements. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. 1 vol., 1875-77, aud. off.; 7 vols., 1881-82, 1886-1911, stor. rm., 3d floor.

For subsequent records, see entry 270.

272. CHANGE VENUE, 1896-1907, 1915-. 2 vols. Title varies: 1896-1907, Record of Venue Costs Paid. Record of costs paid for causes venued to other counties, showing number and title of cause, names of payee and foreign county, and date and amount of payment. Arr. by dates of payments. Hdw. 375 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Aud. off.

For other change of venue records, see entries 132, 178, 273.

273. VENUE CLAIMS, 1894-. 6 cartons, 3 file boxes. Original claims paid for causes venued to other counties, showing date, number, and amount of claim; cause number; nature of action; names of plaintiff and defendant; and date of payment. Arr. by dates of claims. Hdw. and typed. Cartons, 5 x 9 x 10; file boxes, 8 x 5 x 10. 6 cartons, 1894-1934, stor. rm., 3d floor; 3 file boxes, 1935-, aud. pvt. off.

274. TREASURER'S RECEIPTS, 1891-. 4 cartons, 10 file boxes. Treasurer's receipts exchanged for auditor's quietuses, showing date, purpose, and amount of payment; name of payer; and fund debited. Arr. by dates of receipts. Hdw. Cartons, 10 x 14 x 19; file boxes, 10 x 5 x 14. 4 cartons, 4 file boxes, 1891-1910, stor. rm., 3d floor; 6 file boxes, 1911-, aud. pvt. off.

275. QUIETUS, 1912-. 10 vols. Record of quietuses issued upon presentation of treasurer's receipts for payments made to county, showing date and number

of quietus, names of payer and fund, and amount and purpose of payment. Arr. by quietus nos. Hdw. 5 vols., 1912-22, aud. off.; 1 vol., 1923, stor. rm., 3d floor; 1 vol., 1924-29, stor. rm., bsmt.; 3 vols., 1930-, aud. pvt. off.

276. QUIETUS, 1925-. 2 file boxes.

Quietuses issued by auditor upon presentation of treasurer's receipts for money paid to county, showing date, number, amount, and purpose of quietus; and names of payer and fund. Arr. by dates of quietuses. Hdw. 10 x 5 x 14. Aud. off.

277. CANCELED WARRANTS, 1882-. 7 cartons, 28 file boxes, 4 file drawers.

Canceled warrants issued by auditor on treasurer, showing date, number, nature, and amount of warrant; and names of payee and fund. Arr. by dates of warrants. Hdw. Size varies. 7 cartons, 14 file boxes, 1882-1929, stor. rm., 3d floor; 5 file boxes, 1937, aud. pvt. off.; 9 file boxes, 4 file drawers, 1930-36, 1938-, aud. off.

ROAD AND DITCH FUNDS

278. [ROAD IMPROVEMENTS], 1878-. 3 cartons, 2 file drawers.

Receipts for labor and materials used in road improvements, showing date, number, and amount of receipt; location and description of project, list of material and labor used; and names of payee. Arr. by dates of receipts. Hdw. Cartons, 12 x 16 x 26; file drawers, 5 x 8 x 10. 3 cartons, 1878-1933, stor. rm., 3d floor; 2 file drawers, 1934-, aud. off.

279. RECORD OF APPROPRIATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS, [Free Gravel Road Repairs], 1909-10. 1 vol.

Record of funds appropriated and disbursed for repair of gravel roads, showing amount of appropriation; date and amount of disbursement; and names of road, payee, and superintendent. Arr. by names of appropriations, thereunder by dates of disbursements. Hdw. 350 pp. 18 x 19 x 2½. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

280. COUNTY UNIT ROADS, 1919-31. 1 vol.

Record of costs for construction and maintenance of county roads, showing date and amount of contract; kind of work; name of contractor; name, location, and description of road; and itemized list of disbursements. Arr. by dates of disbursements. Hdw. 140 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. Aud. pvt. off.

281. LEDGER [Gravel and Macadam Road Construction], 1915-26. 2 vols.

Semiannual statement of condition of road funds in each township, showing previous balance for each township; total re-

ceipts and disbursements; date, number, and amount of warrant; purpose of payment; names of payee, payer, fund, and road; and current balance. Indexed alph. by names of twps. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 11 x 2½. Aud. pvt. off.

282. GRAVEL ROAD REPAIR WARRANTS, 1899-1913, 1920-24.
7 vols.

Record of warrants issued for expenses incurred for building bridges and repairing gravel roads, showing date, amount, and number of warrant; nature of work; and names of payee and fund. Arr. by dates of warrants. Hdw. 180 pp. 18 x 14 x 1½. 4 vols., 1899-1913, stor. rm., 3d floor; 3 vols., 1920-24, aud. off.

283. LEDGER [Expenditures of Road Fund Itemized], 1908-31. 2 vols.

Itemized list of warrants issued for costs in construction and repair of county gravel roads, showing date, number, and amount of warrant; names of payee, road, and township; purpose of payment; and total amount of disbursements. Arr. by dates of warrants. Hdw. 150 pp. 16 x 11 x 1. Aud. pvt. off.

284. DITCH TAX DUPLICATE, 1891-1907, 1912. 16 vols.
Title varies: Ditch and Gravel Road Duplicate;
Gravel Road and Ditch Duplicate.

Record of taxes collected for maintenance of ditches and gravel roads, showing name and address of property owner; location and description of land; dates and amounts of payment, delinquency, penalty, and interest; and total assessments. Arr. by names of roads or ditches, thereunder alph. by names of taxpayers. Hdw. 500 pp. 22 x 18 x 3. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

POOR FUNDS

285. [LEDGER OF POOR FUNDS], 1913-26, 1933-34. 2 vols.

Record of funds received and disbursed for poor relief in various townships, showing dates of receipt and disbursement; kind of relief; names of recipient and fund; bank deposits or withdrawals; proportionate amounts paid from county, state, and federal funds; total amount; and warrant number. Arr. by dates of receipts or disbursements. Hdw. 172 pp. 16 x 10 x 1. Aud. pvt. off.

286. [REGISTER OF POOR FUND CLAIMS], 1934-. 1 vol.

Register of poor fund claims filed by township trustees and certified by auditor for payment, showing date, number, nature, and amount of claim; names of claimant, township and recipient; date certified for payment; proportionate amounts paid from county and federal funds; total amount; and warrant

number. Arr. by twps., thereunder by claim nos. Hdw. 100 pp. 16 x 12 x ½. Aud. pvt. off.

287. [POOR RELIEF CLAIMS], 1933-. 3 cartons, 38 file boxes. Claims for merchandise or service furnished for poor relief, showing date, nature, and amount of claim; name of vendor, recipient, and trustee; and date of allowance. Arr. by dates of claims. Hdw. Cartons, 12 x 15 x 24; file boxes, 10 x 5 x 14. 3 cartons, 15 file boxes, 1933-35, stor. rm., 3d floor; 23 file boxes, 1936-, aud. pvt. off.

288. [POOR FUND WARRANTS], 1936-. 1 vol. Duplicates of warrants drawn on poor funds for payment of orders issued by township trustees, showing dates, numbers, and amounts of claim and warrant, and names of vendor, recipient, township, and fund. Arr. by dates of warrants. Hdw. 408 pp. 18 x 11 x 3. Aud. pvt. off.

TAXES

APPRAISEMENTS

289. TRANSFER BOOK, 1861-. 89 vols. Record of transfer of titles to real property, showing date of transfer; names of grantor, grantee, and township; location and description of property; and valuation of land and improvements. Arr. by twps., thereunder alph. by names of grantees. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 11 x 1. 42 vols., 1861-1911, stor. rm., 3d floor; 47 vols., 1886-, aud. off.

290. VALUATION RECORD, 1859-95. 9 vols. Record of valuation placed on all real property subject to taxation, showing date of assessment; names of property owner and taxing unit; location and description of property; and assessed valuation of all lands, lots, and improvements. Arr. by taxing units, thereunder alph. by names of property owners. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

RETURNS

291. BANK STATEMENTS, 1917. 1 vol. Record of statements issued by banks for assessment purposes, showing date of statement, names and addresses of bank officials and stockholders; number of shares issued and subscribed; par value of tangible and intangible assets; amount of surplus; net value of capital stock, and total value of all assessable property. Arr. by dates of statements. Hdw. and typed. 90 pp. 15 x 10 x ½. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

ASSESSMENT LISTS

292. ASSESSOR'S BOOK, 1876-. 541 vols.

Record of all real and personal property assessed, showing duplicate number; names of property owner and taxing unit; location, description, and assessed valuation of lands, lots, improvements, and personal property; total value of all taxables; and deductions account of mortgage exemptions. Arr. by taxing units, thereunder alph. by names of property owners. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 14 x 1. 411 vols., 1876-1933, stor. rm., 3d floor; 130 vols., 1917-, aud. off.

293. ASSESSMENT LISTS, REAL ESTATE, 1918-. 125 vols.

Record of lands, lots, and improvements subject to taxation, showing date of assessment; names of property owner and taxing unit; location and description of property; and assessed valuation of all lands, lots, and improvements. Arr. alph. by names of property owners. Hdw. 250 pp. 14 x 9 x 1½. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

294. ASSESSMENT LIST, 1918-. 1085 vols.

Schedule of all personal property subject to taxation, showing date of assessment; names of property owner and taxing units; itemized list of personal property assessed; and valuation by property owner, township and county assessor. Arr. by taxing units, thereunder alph. by names of property owners. Hdw. 445 pp. 14 x 9 x 2½. 979 vols., 1918-34, stor., rm., 3d floor; 106 vols., 1935-, aud. off.

EXEMPTIONS

295. MORTGAGE EXEMPTIONS, 1913-. 310 vols. Title varies: 1913, 1914, 1916, Mortgage Indebtedness; 1915, 1917, 1918-23, Affidavits of Mortgage Indebtedness.

Affidavits of mortgage indebtedness, showing date of affidavit, amount of mortgage unpaid, description and location of property, and names of mortgagor, mortgagee, and township. Arr. by twps., thereunder alph. by names of mortgagors. Hdw. 175 pp. 9 x 14 x 1½. 283 vols., 1913-34, stor. rm., 3d floor; 27 vols., 1935-, aud. off.

296. SOLDIERS' EXEMPTIONS, 1923, 1925-. 15 vols.

Affidavits of soldiers filed to secure tax exemptions, showing date of affidavit; name, address, age, and service record of affiant; name of township; location and description of property; and amount of exemption. Arr. by twps., thereunder by dates of affidavits. Hdw. 75 pp. 9 x 8 x 1. 11 vols., 1923, 1925-Feb. 1935, stor. rm., 3d floor; 4 vols., Mar. 1935-, aud. off.

297. FORESTRY RECORD, 1899-1904. 1 vol.

Record of land set aside as forest reservations to secure exemption on tax payments, showing date of recording; name of owner; and description and location of property. Indexed alph. by names of owners. Hdw. 214 pp. 15 x 10 x 1. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

DELINQUENT AND ERRONEOUS

(See also entries 223-28)

298. [CERTIFICATES OF ERROR], 1937-. 5 vols.

Duplicates of certificates of error for taxes improperly charged on tax duplicates, showing date and number of certificate; names of taxing unit and taxpayer; tax duplicate number; and amount charged in error. Arr. by dates of certificates. Hdw. 100 pp. 4 x 8 x 1/2. Aud. pvt. off.

299. RECORD OF DELINQUENT LANDS AND LOTS, 1842-1933. 15 vols. (2-7, 2, 3, and 7 vols. not numbered). Title varies: 1842-57, Record of Delinquent List; 1862-64, Delinquent Tax Record; 1870-81, Record of Lands and Lots returned Delinquent.

Record of lands and lots returned delinquent for non-payment of taxes, showing date of delinquency; names of taxpayer and taxing unit; location and description of property; and total amount of taxes due. Arr. by years of delinquency, thereunder alph. by names of taxpayers. Hdw. 642 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 9 vols., 1842-69, 1882-90, 1898-1907, stor. rm., 3d floor; 5 vols., 1870-81, 1889-97, 1906-20, 1926-33, aud. off.; 1 vol., 1921-25, aud. pvt. off.

300. REGISTER OF TAX SALES, 1845-63, 1867-. 6 vols.

Register of property sold by treasurer for nonpayment of taxes, showing dates of sale and redemption, tax duplicate and sales certificate numbers, names of owner and purchaser, location and description of property, and amount of sale. Arr. by dates of sales. Hdw. 475 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 3 vols., 1845-63, 1867-87, stor. rm., 3d floor; 3 vols., 1885-, aud. off.

For Tax Title Deed Records, see entry 71.

301. [CERTIFICATES AND RECEIPTS ISSUED IN TAX SALES], 1880-. 5 file boxes, 1 carton.

Duplicate tax sale certificates and receipts issued to purchasers, showing date of sale, receipt, and certificate; name of purchaser; location and description of property; and amount of consideration. Arr. by dates of certificates. Hdw. File boxes, 8 x 5 x 10; carton, 4 x 4 x 10. 3 file boxes, 1 carton, 1880-1912, stor. rm., 3d floor; 2 file boxes, 1909-, aud. off.

PLATS

302. ASSESSOR'S PLAT BOOK, 1895-. Last entry, 1932. 113 vols.

Plats of lands and lots in county, showing date of plat; names of owners; location, description and valuation of property and plat, section, range, and township numbers. Arr. by section, range, and twp. nos. Hdw. 400 pp. 14 x 9 x 2. 66 vols., 1895-1925, stor. rm., 3d floor; 47 vols., 1915-, aud. off.

SCHOOL FUNDS

(See also entries 82, 211, 212, 249)

303. INVENTORY OF TRUST AND SCHOOL FUND, 1891-. 1 vol. Inventory of school and trust fund loans, showing date of inventory; number, date, and amount of loan; dates and amounts of principal and interest paid and due; and value of forfeited lands. Arr. by dates of inventories. Hdw. 450 pp. 16 x 17 x 2. Aud. off.

304. REGISTER OF SCHOOL FUND LOANS, 1856-1934. 3 vols. (2, and 2 vols. not numbered). Title varies: Register of Loans.

Register of school fund loans secured by mortgages on real estate, showing date, number, conditions, and amount of loan; names of mortgagor; location, description, and appraised valuation of property; rate of interest; dates and amounts of payments; kind and amount of insurance; and volume and page reference to School Fund Mortgage, entry 82. Arr. by dates of loans. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud. off.

For subsequent records, see entry 305.

305. SCHOOL FUND MORTGAGE RECORD, 1900-. 1 vol. Record of mortgages given on real estate to secure school fund loans, showing date, number, conditions, and amount of mortgage; name of mortgagor; location, description, and appraised valuation of property; rate of interest; and volume and page reference to School Fund Mortgage, entry 82. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. Aud. off.

For prior records, see entry 304.

306. REGISTER OF INSTALLMENTS, 1832-80. 2 vols. Title varies: Register of Principal and Interest. Record of payments of principal and interest on school fund loans, showing date, number, and amount of mortgage; name of mortgagor; dates and amounts of payment of principal and interest; and balance due. Arr. by dates of mortgages. Hdw. 350 pp. 14 x 9 x 2. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

307. [APPORTIONMENT RECORD SCHOOL FUNDS], 1908-. 1 file box. Reports of apportionment of school funds to various townships, showing date of report, name of fund, source of revenue, and amounts of distribution and advances. Arr. by dates of reports. Hdw. 10 x 8 x 5½. Aud. off.

308. APPORTIONMENT OF SCHOOL REVENUE, 1877-1912. 3 vols. Record of distribution of school fund revenue to the several school units, showing date of warrant; names of fund and school corporation, amount to each unit, and total distribution. Arr. by dates of warrants. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. 2 vols., 1877-96, stor. rm., 3d floor; 1 vol., 1892-1912, aud. off.

309. REGISTER OF RECEIPTS SCHOOL FUND, 1853-91, 1910-12. 4 vols.

Register of receipts of school fund revenues, showing date, number, amount, and purpose of receipt; names of fund and payer, and total receipts. Arr. by dates of receipts. Hdw. Condition fair. 16 x 11 x 3. 3 vols., 1853-91, stor. rm., 3d floor; 1 vol., 1910-12, aud. off.

310. SCHOOL FUND LEDGER, 1879-1912. 2 vols.

Record of receipts and disbursements of common and congressional school funds, showing date, amount, and purpose of receipt or disbursement; number and amount of warrant; names of payee or payer and fund; and balance. Arr. by dates of receipts or disbursements. Hdw. 508 pp. 17 x 12 x 3. Aud. off.

311. SCHOOL FUND JOURNAL, 1853-97. 5 vols. (B-E, and 1 vol. not labeled). Title varies: Journal School Funds.

Record of principal and interest received on loans of school funds, showing date of receipt, name of payer, and amounts of principal and interest. Arr. by dates of receipts. Hdw. 590 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

312. RECORD, [School Funds], 1906-13. 2 vols. Title varies: Record of Balances.

Record of financial condition of school and trust funds, showing date of inventory balance of previous inventory, amounts of receipts and disbursements to various school units and foreign counties, and amounts held in trust and loans in force. Arr. by dates of inventories. Hdw. 200 pp. 14 x 9 x 1½. Aud. off.

313. APPLICATION TO PAY, 1914-16, 1920, 1921, 1924. 5 vols. Record of applications for payments on school fund loans, showing date of application, name of applicant, number of loan, and amount of payment. Arr. by dates of applications. Hdw. 200 pp. 14 x 11 x 1. 1 vol., 1914, 1916, stor. rm., 3d floor; 4 vols.; 1920, 1921, 1924, aud. off.

314. RECORD OF SCHOOL FUND FORFEITURES AND RESALE, 1889-.
1 vol.

Record of property forfeited to state by foreclosure of school fund mortgages and resale of forfeited property by commissioners, showing date, amount, and number of loan; date of foreclosure; names of mortgagor and purchaser; location and description of property; amount of delinquency and interest; dates of advertisement and sale; and amount paid. Arr. by dates of foreclosures. Hdw. 325 pp. 16 x 18 x 3. Aud. off.

315. [SCHOOL FUND SALE CERTIFICATES], 1887-. 2 cartons,
1 file box.

Duplicate school fund sale certificates issued to purchasers of property sold on mortgage foreclosures of school fund loans, showing names of purchaser and mortgagor; date, number, and amount of certificate of sale; location and description of property; mortgage number; and date of delinquency. Arr. by dates of certificates. Hdw. Cartons, 8 x 25 x 27; file box, 10 x 4 x 16. 2 cartons, 1887-1933, stor. rm., 3d floor; 1 file box, 1934-, aud. off.

OFFICIAL BONDS

(See also entries 23-30)

316. TRUSTEE'S BOND RECORD, 1878-. 2 vols.

Record of bonds posted by township trustees, showing date, number and amount of bond; and names of trustees and sureties. 1 vol., 1878-1925, indexed alph. by names of trustees. 1 vol., 1926-, arr. alph. by names of trustees. 1878-Nov. 7, 1914, hdw.; Nov. 8, 1914-, typed. 400 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Aud. pvt. off.

317. ASSESSOR'S BOND RECORD, 1878-. 1 vol.

Record of bonds posted by deputy assessors, showing date, amount, and conditions of bonds; and names of assessors and sureties. Indexed alph. by names of assessors. 1878-1915, hdw.; 1916-, typed. 350 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Aud. off.

318. ASSESSORS' AFFIDAVITS, CONTRACT LINTON HOSPITAL, [Official Bonds], 1914-. 2 file boxes.

Records of bonds posted by superintendents and supervisors of highways, showing date, number, amount, and conditions of bonds; and names of principal and sureties. Arr. by dates of bonds. Hdw. 5 x 4 x 10. Aud. off.

319. MISCELLANEOUS BOND RECORD, 1891-. 1 vol.

Record of bonds posted by township and county officials, showing names of official and sureties; and date, amount, and conditions of bond. Indexed alph. by names of officials. 1891-1907, hdw.; 1908-33, typed. 440 pp. 16 x 11 x 2½. Aud. pvt. off.

MISCELLANEOUS

320. TAX SALE RECEIPTS [Deputy Assessors' Appointments], 1903-. 1 file box; 1 file drawer.

Certificates of appointment of deputy assessors, showing date of appointment, name of deputy, and certification by auditor. Arr. by dates of appointments. File box, 10 x 4 x 16; file drawer, 2 x 8 x 16. Aud. off.

MAPS

321. GREENE COUNTY, 1916. 1 map.

Political and communication map of Greene County, showing highways, township boundaries, precincts, wards, and school corporation limits, with location of schools and public buildings. Drawn by Daniel C. McIntosh, Bloomfield. Printed. No scale given. 11 x 16. Aud. off.

322. GREENE COUNTY. 1 map.

Political and communication map of Greene County, showing sections, divisions, highways, and names of land owners. Published at Martinsville by J. W. Beard Pub. Co. Printed. No scale given. 35 x 51. Aud. vt.

323. BLOOMFIELD, IND. 1 map.

Plat map of Bloomfield, showing in and out-lots, cemeteries, streets, alleys, railroads, and plat numbers. Drawn by Z. H. Jones. Black and White. Scale. 1" to 20 rods. 19 x 23. Aud. off.

324. LINTON, IND., 1925. 1 map.

Communication and plat map of town of Linton, showing in and out-lots, streets, alleys, and cornerstone marks. Drawn by John A. Boudons, Linton. Black and white. Scale: 1" to 200'. 44 x 54. Aud. off.

XVI. REGISTRATION OFFICER

The registration officer of Greene County is the clerk of the circuit court, ex officio, by authority of an act of 1933.¹

The Constitution of 1851 prescribed the qualifications of voters,² and an amendment of 1881 enjoined the general

¹ Acts 1933, 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 29-306; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 7304.

² Const., art. 2, sec. 2.

assembly to provide for the registration of all persons entitled to vote.³ Various laws for registration have been enacted: An act of 1867, establishing a township board of registry,⁴ was repealed in 1869.⁵ Acts of 1889⁶ and 1891,⁷ providing for registration in the office of the clerk of the circuit court, were declared unconstitutional in 1890⁸ and 1896,⁹ respectively. An act of 1911, providing for a precinct registration board,¹⁰ was repealed in 1917.¹¹ An act of 1917, created a board of registration commissioners, generally called the registration board, and consisting of the clerk of the circuit court and two qualified electors appointed by him, one from each of the major political parties.¹² This law was repealed in 1919¹³ and the county board of registration commissioners was succeeded by precinct boards under an act of that year.¹⁴ An act of 1925 created a registration board, consisting of the auditor and a person of opposite political faith, appointed by him.¹⁵ In 1927, the 1919 act and all subsequent acts were repealed.¹⁶ The present system was established by an act of 1933, amended in 1935.¹⁷

Registration of all voters is a requirement for voting at all general, primary, and special elections in which all of the qualified voters of the state may participate.¹⁸ The registration officer has full charge and control of the registration of the voters and provides all the necessary books and supplies.¹⁹

³ Const. art. 2, sec. 14.

⁴ Acts 1867, ch. 51, sec. 2.

⁵ Acts 1869 (Spec. Sess.), ch. 31, sec. 1.

⁶ Acts 1889, ch. 87, sec. 13.

⁷ Acts 1891, ch. 144, sec. 1.

⁸ 125 Ind. 281.

⁹ 144 Ind. 423.

¹⁰ Acts 1911, ch. 150, sec. 3.

¹¹ Acts 1917, ch. 139, sec. 47.

¹² *Ibid.*, sec. 4.

¹³ Acts 1919, ch. 150, sec. 1.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, ch. 186, sec. 4.

¹⁵ Acts 1925, ch. 138, sec. 1.

¹⁶ Acts 1927, ch. 195, sec. 1.

¹⁷ Acts 1933, 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 29-306; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 7304.

¹⁸ Acts 1933; Burns 29-301, 29-307; Baldwin 7299, 7305. Acts 1933, 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 29-336; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 7334.

¹⁹ Acts 1933, Burns 29-309; Baldwin 7307. Acts 1933, 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 29-306; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 7304,

The official registration books consist of the original affidavits of registration, fastened in binders,²⁰ and constitute a permanent registration record.²¹ Voters need not register again, so long as they continue to reside in the same county, but failure to vote in any two-year period automatically cancels the elector's registration.²² If the registration books of any precinct are destroyed or mutilated, or are inaccessible, a re-registration is had upon determination by the board of commissioners of the county.²³

All forms, blanks, records, and other supplies used in the registration of voters are prescribed by the state board of election commissioners for the purpose of uniformity in the registration records of the state.²⁴

The records are located in the courthouse.

²⁰ Acts 1933; Burns 29-313, 29-316; Baldwin 7311, 7314.

²¹ Acts 1933; Burns 29-302; Baldwin 7300.

²² Acts 1933; Burns 29-303, 29-320; Baldwin 7301, 7318.

²³ Acts 1933; Burns 29-304; Baldwin 7302.

²⁴ Acts 1933; Burns 29-334; Baldwin 7332.

325. REGISTRATION BOOK, 1926-. 169 vols.

Record of qualified voters in each precinct, showing date of registration; registration, ward, and precinct numbers; and name, address, age, sex, and birthplace of voter. Arr. alph. by names of voters. Hdw. 100 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. 94 vols., 1926-33, stor. rm., bsmt.; 75 vols., 1934-, clk. rec. rm.

326. [VOTERS' REGISTRATION], 1934-. 5 file drawers.

Registration cards of voters, showing registration, ward, and precinct numbers; and name, address, age, sex, and birthplace of voter. Arr. alph. by names of voters. Hdw. 6 x 18 x 28. Clk. rec. rm.

327. RECORD OF ABSENT VOTERS' BALLOTS, 1918-25, 1936-.

2 vols. (1,2).

Record of applications for ballots by absent voters, showing dates of application, mailing, and return of ballot; precinct number; name and address of voter; and date of delivery of ballot to inspector. Arr. by precinct nos., thereunder by names of voters. Hdw. and typed. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

XVII. BOARD OF PRIMARY ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

The board of primary election commissioners of Greene County is established by acts of 1915 and 1917 and subsequent amendatory acts. The members are the clerk of the circuit court and two persons appointed by him, one from each of the two political parties casting the highest number of votes in the county at the last preceding general election, nominated by the respective chairmen of the county committees of the parties. The primary election commissioners serve as election commissioners at the election for which nominations by the primary are made.¹

At first, nominations were strictly party affairs. Candidates were proposed by a mass meeting, or by an informal caucus which might be a meeting, either of all the voters of the party in the precinct (township) or of party members interested sufficiently to attend (county and state). Out of the latter developed the party convention—an assembly of official delegates; these delegates were chosen by party officials such as precinct committeemen or county or district chairmen, as the case might be.²

The law of 1889, which adopted the Australian ballot system, recognized the right of a party to hold a primary, which was under the control of the chairman, who certified the names of the nominees to the county board of election commissioners.³

The party convention method of nominating county candidates continued in Greene County up to 1915. The voters of a party met in their respective townships to select delegates to attend the county convention. At the convention the candidates were nominated.⁴

The present primary law incorporates both the nomination of candidates and the election of precinct committeemen and convention delegates in one primary election held at the same time and place and is mandatory on all political parties casting ten percent of the total vote for secretary of state at the last preceding general election.⁵ The board of pri-

¹ Acts 1915, 1917; Burns 29-504; Baldwin 7190.

² Bender, Alma Sickler, *Why Go Back? from the Direct Primary to the Convention System. . . .*, 21.

³ Acts 1889, ch. 87, secs. 17, 18, 26.

⁴ *The Bloomfield News*, April 10, 1908; April 21, 1910; July 4, 1912; May 28, 1914.

⁵ Acts 1915; Burns 29-501; Baldwin 7187. Acts 1915, 1917, 1925, 1929; Burns 29-511; Baldwin

primary election commissioners of Greene County supervises primary elections: It prints and distributes the ballots,⁶ appoints the precinct election boards upon nomination by the county chairman of the two major political parties,⁷ and arranges the names of the candidates on the ballots.⁸ At all primaries the Australian ballot is used, made up of the tickets of the several parties qualified for participation in the election, each party having a separate ticket, printed on different colored paper, uniform in size.⁹ Declaration of candidacy are filed with or certified to the clerk of the circuit court, who is a member of the board.¹⁰ All expenses of the primary are paid from public funds.¹¹ Candidates of the major political parties for all offices—including city, since 1933—except those to be voted upon by all the electors of the state, are nominated at the primary.¹² The statutes governing general elections apply to all primaries.¹³

Papers of primary election matters are filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court (a member of the board of primary election commissioners) as provided by statute.¹⁴

The records are located in the courthouse.

328. [ELECTION RECORD PRIMARY], 1916—. In Election Record, entry 332.

Sample ballots and record of number of ballots printed, distributed, and returned, showing dates of election and certification of inspector; names of candidates, inspector, primary election commissioners, and township; precinct numbers; and number of ballots printed, distributed, and returned.

⁶ Acts 1915, 1917; Burns 29-504; Baldwin 7190.

⁷ Acts 1915; Burns 29-505, 29-556, 29-559; Baldwin 7191, 7242, 7244. Acts 1915, 1917; Burns 29-507; Baldwin 7193. Acts 1929; Burns 29-805 to 29-807; Baldwin 7094 to 7096. Acts 1929, 1933; Burns 29-804; Baldwin 7093.

⁸ Acts 1915, 1937; Burns 1938 suppl., 29-515; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 7201.

⁹ Acts 1915, 1917; Burns 29-504, 29-514; Baldwin 7190, 7200.

¹⁰ Acts 1915, 1917, 1933; Burns, 1938 suppl., 29-513; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 7199. Acts 1915, 1931, 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 29-516; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 7202.

¹¹ Acts 1915; Burns 29-534; Baldwin 7220. Acts 1933; Burns 29-1805; Baldwin 11637.

¹² Acts 1915; Burns 29-501; Baldwin 7187. Acts 1915, 1917, 1925, 1929; Burns 29-511; Baldwin 7197. Acts 1933; Burns 29-1807; Baldwin 11639.

¹³ Acts 1915; Burns 29-556, 29-559; Baldwin 7242, 7244.

¹⁴ Acts 1889; Burns 29-1009; Baldwin 7113. Acts 1911, 1913, 1915; Burns 29-2508; Baldwin 7445. Acts 1911; Burns 29-2501; Baldwin 7447.

329. [CANDIDATES DECLARATIONS], 1916-. 3 file boxes; 4 pigeon holes.

Candidates' declarations to seek nominations for public offices at primary elections, showing date of declaration, name and address of candidate, office sought, and political affiliations. Arr. by dates of declarations. Hdw. File boxes, 10 x 4 x 12; pigeon holes, 4 x 6 x 10. 3 file boxes, 1916-34, clk. rec. rm.; 4 pigeon holes, 1935-, clk. off.

XVIII. BOARD OF CANVASSERS

The board of canvassers of Greene County, consisting of the election commissioners, is established by an act of 1905.¹ The board elects its own chairman and the clerk of the circuit court is its clerk.²

Prior to 1843, the canvass of votes was made by the clerk of the circuit court in the presence of all the election judges who attended from the several townships.³ The board of canvassers was established in 1843, consisting of the inspectors from the several townships, the clerk of the circuit court acting as clerk, and was continued until 1905. In case of an inspector's inability to serve, one of the judges was selected by the judges of the township or precinct in his place.⁴

The canvass of votes in primary⁵ and special⁶ elections, including votes cast for city⁷ and township offices,⁸ is made in the same manner as in the general election.

The board has full power to send for persons and papers and compel witnesses to answer proper questions under oath. The sheriff serves all processes in county elections and obeys all orders of the board.⁹

The members of the board are required to assemble at

¹ Acts 1905, 1927; Burns 29-1401; Baldwin 7377.

² Acts 1905; Burns 29-1402; Baldwin 7378.

³ Acts 1817-18 (general), ch. 15, sec. 12. Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 32, sec. 12.

⁴ Rev. Stat. 1843, ch. 5, secs. 45-47. 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 31, secs. 31-33.

⁵ Acts 1915; Burns 29-560; Baldwin 7245. Acts 1915, 1917; Burns 29-525; Baldwin 7211. Acts 1933; Burns 29-1807; Baldwin 11639.

⁶ Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 29-1704; Baldwin 7249. Acts 1889; Burns 29-1611; Baldwin 7169.

⁷ Acts 1889, 1891; Burns 29-1612; Baldwin 7170. Acts 1933; Burns 29-1803; Baldwin 11635.

⁸ Acts 1933; Burns 29-1903; Baldwin 7252.

⁹ Acts 1905; Burns 29-1408; Baldwin 7384.

six o'clock p.m., on the day of each election in a suitable room provided by the board of county commissioners upon an order of the circuit judge, to canvass and estimate the certificates, poll lists, and tally papers returned by the election inspectors;¹⁰ to aggregate and tabulate therefrom the votes of the county; and to declare in a certified statement the candidates elected in the county.¹¹

The ballots cast in all primary and general elections, together with all uncast ballots, are sealed in an envelope or a bag by the inspector in the presence of the judges and clerks and delivered by him to the clerk of the circuit court. They are held subject to the demand of the judge of any circuit or superior court of the state. In event of suit to contest the election, the judge orders a recount. If no litigation arises, the clerk of the circuit court must destroy the ballots at the end of six months.¹²

The certificates, together with a statement of all votes tabulated, canvas sheets, poll books, and tally papers, are delivered to the clerk of the circuit court and filed and preserved by him in his office, open to the inspection of any legal voter.¹³ These are destroyed after a reasonable time.

The records are located in the courthouse.

330. [ELECTION RETURNS], 1871-. 12 file boxes, 36 bds. Tally sheets of election returns for all elections, showing date of election; names of canvassers, candidates, and office; number of votes cast by precinct for each candidate; and total votes cast. Arr. by dates of elections. Hdw. File boxes, 8 x 5 x 10; bds., 16 x 10 x 6. Clk. rec. rm.

331. [ELECTION RETURNS], 1906-. In Election Record, entry 332.

Record of number of votes cast in primary and general elections, showing date of election, names of candidates, offices, and members of board of canvassers; number of votes cast for each candidate in each precinct; and total number of votes for each candidate.

¹⁰ Acts 1905, 1927; Burns 29-1401; Baldwin 7377.

¹¹ Acts 1905; Burns 29-1404, 29-1405; Baldwin 7380, 7381.

¹² Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 29-2101; Baldwin 7388. Acts 1915; Burns 29-1304;

Baldwin 7456.

¹³ Acts 1905; Burns 29-1404; Baldwin 7380.

XIX. BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

The board of election commissioners of Greene County is established by an act of 1889. The board consists of the clerk of the circuit court, and two persons appointed by him, one from each of the major political parties, nominated by the respective chairmen of the county committees of the parties.¹ These members are the same individuals at the primary and general elections, as the primary election commissioners, since 1907, also serve as the election commissioners at the general election for which nominations at the primary are made.² The board of election commissioners, since 1905, constitutes the board of canvassers.³

Prior to 1889, there was little centralized county control over elections. The unit in the beginning was the township, which, as the population increased, was divided into precincts. Such supervision as was necessary beyond the local unit was performed by various county officers. At the organization of Greene County in 1821, the board of county commissioners laid off the townships,⁴ appointed an inspector of elections in each,⁵ and delivered to the inspectors poll books and other blank forms and ticket boxes.⁶ From 1831 to 1853, the inspectors were elected by the voters of the township.⁷ After 1853, elections were conducted as follows: The clerk of the circuit court certified to the sheriff what officers were to be elected. The sheriff posted a copy of this certificate at the usual places of holding elections, published it in some newspaper of the county, and delivered a copy to each township clerk⁸ or trustee.⁹ The board of county commissioners designated the precincts,¹⁰ and furnished supplies (including ballot boxes but not ballots)¹¹—after 1881 the

¹ Acts 1889; Burns 29-1002; Baldwin 7109.

² Acts 1907, ch. 282, sec. 13. Acts 1915, 1917; Burns 29-504; Baldwin 7190.

³ Acts 1905, 1927; Burns 29-1401; Baldwin 7377.

⁴ Acts 1817-18 (general), ch. 17, sec. 2. Commissioners' Record, A: 8, 9.

⁵ Acts 1817-18 (general), ch. 15, sec. 1; ch. 17, sec. 3.

⁶ *Ibid.*, ch. 15, secs. 1, 18.

⁷ Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 20, sec. 20. Thornton, William W., *Indiana Township Officers*,

20, 21.

⁸ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 31, sec. 2.

⁹ Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 29-702; Baldwin 7082.

¹⁰ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 31, sec. 3. Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.), ch. 47, sec. 8.

¹¹ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 31, secs. 11, 12.

auditor furnished printed forms¹² and the board of county commissioners, the ballot boxes.¹³ Each voter furnished his own ballot, which might be written or printed.¹⁴ The township trustee (from 1853 to 1859, the president of the board of township trustees)¹⁵ served ex officio as inspector of elections¹⁶ in the precinct in which he resided,¹⁷ and the board of county commissioners appointed inspectors in all additional precincts.¹⁸ Two judges were appointed by the inspector, and the inspector and judges appointed two clerks. These appointees and the inspector constituted the precinct election board.¹⁹ After 1881, the judges and clerks were appointed from the two political parties having the highest number of votes in the last preceding general election.²⁰

Indiana, in 1889, was one of the first states to adopt the "Australian ballot"—an official ballot printed at public expense by public officers and distributed at the polls by the election officers. The board of election commissioners was established to prepare, print, and distribute the ballots and otherwise administer the election laws in the county.²¹

The constitution fixes the date of general elections as the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November,²² and an act of the general assembly provides that they be conducted biennially.²³ The clerk of the circuit court certifies to the sheriff what officers are to be elected and the sheriff gives notices to the electors by posting up at the usual polling places a copy of such certificate.²⁴ The constitution further provides that all elections by the people must be by ballot.²⁵

¹² Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.), ch. 47, sec. 13.

¹³ *Ibid.*, sec. 18.

¹⁴ Acts 1817-18 (general), ch. 15, sec. 8. 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 31, sec. 17. Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.), ch. 47, sec. 23.

¹⁵ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 31, sec. 3.

¹⁶ Acts 1859; Burns 65-105; Baldwin 16065. Acts 1859, 1889; Burns 65-102; Baldwin 16060.

¹⁷ Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.), ch. 47, sec. 10.

¹⁸ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 31, sec. 4.

¹⁹ Acts 1817-18 (general), ch. 15, sec. 2. 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 31, sec. 4.

²⁰ Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.), ch. 47, secs. 11, 12.

²¹ Acts 1889, ch. 87, secs. 18, 26. Dunn, Jacob P., *A Manual of the Election Law*, 4. Harris,

Joseph P., *Election Administration in the United States*, 154, 155.

²² Const., art. 2, sec. 14 (as amended in 1881).

²³ Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 29-701; Baldwin 7081.

²⁴ Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 29-702; Baldwin 7082.

²⁵ Const., art. 2, sec. 13.

The board of county commissioners establishes the precincts²⁶ and provides all polling places and ballot boxes,²⁷ and the auditor furnishes blank poll books and other forms to the inspectors.²⁸

The county board of election commissioners supervises general elections.²⁹ It prints and distributes ballots for the election of all officers to be voted for in Greene County, other than those who are to be voted for by all of the electors of the state.³⁰ The state ballots are furnished by the state board of election commissioners.³¹ The county ballots are prepared in accordance with petitions for placing candidates' names on the ballot and with certificates of nomination by convention or primary election, as filed with the clerk of the circuit court.³²

The election is conducted by the precinct election boards, consisting of one inspector and two judges, who are appointed by the county board of election commissioners. The township trustee is ex officio inspector in his own precinct and the other inspectors are nominated by the party casting the highest number of votes in the county for secretary of state in the preceding election. The two judges must be of opposite political faith and are nominated by the county chairmen of the two major political parties. Other precinct officials—two election sheriffs, two poll clerks, and, if found necessary, two assistant poll clerks—are nominated and appointed in the same manner.³³

Since 1933, city³⁴ and township³⁵ elections are held at the time of the general election, and are under the supervision

²⁶ Acts 1889, 1907; Burns 29-801; Baldwin 7089. Acts 1920 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 29-901; Baldwin 7091.

²⁷ Acts 1897; Burns 29-1121; Baldwin 7135. Acts 1920 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 29-909; Baldwin 7154.

²⁸ Acts 1889; Burns 29-808; Baldwin 7097.

²⁹ Acts 1889; Burns 29-1116, 29-1117, 29-1119, 29-1120; Baldwin 7130, 7131, 7133, 7134. Acts 1901; Burns 29-2410, 29-2426, 29-2428; Baldwin 7358, 7374, 7376. Acts 1903; Burns 29-2407; Baldwin 7355.

³⁰ Acts 1889; Burns 29-1002; Baldwin 7109.

³¹ Acts 1889; Burns 29-1001; Baldwin 7108. Acts 1897, 1919, 1933; Burns 29-1106, Baldwin 7120. Acts 1920 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 29-1107; Baldwin 7121.

³² Acts 1889, 1933; Burns 29-1003; Baldwin 7110.

³³ Acts 1929; Burns 29-805 to 29-807; Baldwin 7094 to 7096. Acts 1929, 1933; Burns 29-804; Baldwin 7093.

³⁴ Acts 1889, 1891; Burns 29-1612; Baldwin 7170. Acts 1933; Burns 29-1806; Baldwin 11638.

³⁵ Acts 1933, 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 29-1901; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 7250.

of the county board of election commissioners,³⁶ as are all special elections.³⁷

The board has full power to send for persons and papers and compel witnesses to answer proper questions under oath. The sheriff serves all processes in county elections and obeys all orders of the board.³⁸

Records of all general elections are filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court (a member of the board of election commissioners) for preservation as provided by statute.³⁹

The records are located in the courthouse.

332. ELECTION RECORD, 1890-. 2 vols. (1, 2).

Sample ballots and record of number of ballots printed, distributed, and returned, showing dates of election and certification of inspector; names of candidates, inspector, election commissioners, and township; precinct number; and number of ballots printed, distributed, and returned. Also contains: [Election Returns], 1916-, entry 331; [Election Record Primary], 1916-, entry 328. Arr. by dates of elections. Hdw. 650 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

333. [ELECTION CERTIFICATES], 1894-. 35 file boxes.

Copies of certificates of election certifying that candidates were elected in general elections, showing dates of election and certificate, and names of officer and office. Arr. by dates of certificates. Hdw. 8 x 5 x 10. Clk. rec. rm.

334. CANDIDATES' CERTIFICATES OF EXPENSE, 1912-. 8 file boxes.

Original statements of election expenses filed by candidates for various public offices, showing dates of statement and election, names of candidate and office sought, and itemized statement of expense incurred. Arr. by dates of statements. Hdw. 8 x 5 x 10. Clk. rec. rm.

335. RECORD OF APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION SHERIFFS, 1900-1909. 1 vol.

Record of appointment of deputy sheriffs for election duties, showing dates of appointment and election, names of appointee and township, and number of precinct. Arr. alph. by names of appointees. Hdw. 250 pp. 16 x 12 x 1½. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

³⁶ Acts 1933; Burns 29-1803; Baldwin 11635.

³⁷ Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 29-1704; Baldwin 7249. Acts 1889; Burns 29-1611; Baldwin 7169.

³⁸ Acts 1905; Burns 29-1408; Baldwin 7384.

³⁹ Acts 1889; Burns 29-1009; Baldwin 7113. Acts 1911, 1913, 1915; Burns 29-2508; Baldwin 7445. Acts 1911; Burns 29-2510; Baldwin 7447.

XX. BOARD OF EDUCATION

The board of education, established by an act of 1873, as amended in 1877, consists of the county superintendent of schools, the township trustees, and the chairman of the school trustees of each town in the county. As a matter of practice, the superintendent of schools and the township trustees compose the board of education of Greene County, the chairmen taking no active part in its affairs. The majority of the members constitutes a quorum, and the superintendent of schools presides at its meetings and has a vote on all questions.¹

From 1873 to 1877, the same members constituted the board, except that all the school trustees of each town and township of the county were also included.²

The board of education meets semiannually on the first days of May and September to consider the general needs of the schools and to provide for the maintenance of school property and purchase of furniture, books, maps, charts, and other supplies.³ It may purchase textbooks from publishers and sell them to pupils at cost⁴ or rent them to pupils at not to exceed twenty-five percent of the retail price.⁵

Actually, the board functions in an advisory capacity only for schools outside of incorporated cities and towns of Greene County. Each township trustee buys supplies for the schools in his township, and the county superintendent selects textbooks in instances where no adoption has been made by the state board of education.⁶

The records are located in the courthouse.

336. OFFICIAL RECORD, 1882-. 1 vol.

Minutes of meetings of board of education, showing date of meeting, names of members present, nature of business discussed, and action taken. Arr. by dates of meetings. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 1. Supt. off.

¹ Acts 1873, 1877; Burns 28-801; Baldwin 5983. See also note 6 below.

² Acts 1873, ch. 25, sec. 8.

³ Acts 1873, 1877; Burns 28-801; Baldwin 5983.

⁴ Acts 1921; Burns 28-614; Baldwin 6692.

⁵ Acts 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 28-638; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 6692-1.

⁶ Interview with Grover Van Duyn, Assistant State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

XXI. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The superintendent of schools of Greene County is elected by the township trustees for a four-year term, under the authority of an act of 1899 and later amendments,¹ which broadened the scope of his powers as originally defined in an act of 1873.² No person is eligible to the office of superintendent of schools who has not had five years' successful experience as a teacher and who does not hold a first or second grade superintendent's license.³ The superintendent must execute a bond of five thousand dollars, approved by the auditor.⁴

Prior to 1899, the board of commissioners, by an act of 1853, appointed one to three school examiners for the county;⁵ by an act of 1861, one school examiner.⁶ The title of school examiner was changed to superintendent of schools and the power of appointment was transferred to the township trustees, by an act of 1873.⁷

The superintendent exercises general supervision of the schools of Greene County, except those of incorporated cities and towns.⁸ His duties are to visit the schools in session for the purpose of increasing their usefulness and raising their standards as uniformly as practicable;⁹ to conduct county teachers' institutes¹⁰ and conduct and preside over township institutes;¹¹ to report as to teachers' preparation, experience, and license before they are employed;¹² to compile the enumeration of pupils of the county¹³ and from such returns make out the apportionment of the school revenues;¹⁴ and to carry out the orders of the state board of education and the state

¹ Acts 1899, 1911, 1913; Burns 28-702; Baldwin 5931.

² Acts 1873, ch. 25, secs. 3, 4, 6-8. Acts 1899; Burns 28-704, 28-706; Baldwin 5938, 5940.

³ Acts 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 28-701; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 5933-1.

⁴ Acts 1899, 1911, 1913; Burns 28-702; Baldwin 5931.

⁵ Acts 1853, ch. 106, sec. 6.

⁶ Acts 1861, ch. 41, sec. 32.

⁷ Acts 1873, ch. 25, sec. 2.

⁸ Acts 1873; Burns 28-1401; Baldwin 5973. Acts 1899; Burns 28-705; Baldwin 5940.

⁹ Acts 1899; Burns 28-704; Baldwin 5938.

¹⁰ Acts 1907, 1929, 1933; Burns 28-4402; Baldwin 6725.

¹¹ Acts 1899; Burns 28-706; Baldwin 5942.

¹² Acts 1927, 1933; Burns 28-4309; Baldwin 6005.

¹³ Acts 1865, 1873, 1895; Burns 28-714; Baldwin 5948.

¹⁴ Acts 1865; Burns 28-715; Baldwin 5949.

superintendent of public instruction.¹⁵ He is ex officio a member of the county board of education and presides at its meetings.¹⁶

The superintendent keeps a complete record of licenses held by all regular school teachers, date of employment, and their success grades.¹⁷

The records are located in the courthouse.

REPORTS

337. STATISTICAL REPORT, 1925-. 2 file drawers.

Financial reports to state board of education of assets and liabilities of each school unit, showing date of report, balance at beginning of year, receipts of revenue and nonrevenue funds, total revenue, operating expenses, salaries of teachers and superintendent, and balance at end of year. Arr. by dates of reports. Hdw. 17 x 25 x 6. Supt. off.

338. SCHOOL EXAMINER'S RECORD, 1867-76. 1 vol.

Record of school examiner's activities including enumeration of children between the ages of six and twenty-one; school attendance; number, qualifications, and compensation of teachers; physical condition and value of school buildings and other property; financial condition of school fund; library activities; and the holding of teachers' institutes, showing date of school year, nature of activities, and total maintenance costs. Arr. by dates of school years. Hdw. 360 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Supt. off.

339. STATE AID, 1921-. 1 file drawer.

County school superintendent's report to state department of education of receipts and disbursements of state aid funds, showing date of report, name of township, source and amount of receipts, amount and purpose of disbursements, and balance. Arr. alph. by names of twps. Hdw. 10 x 15 x 23. Supt. off.

340. REPORT OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES TO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, 1925-. 2 file drawers.

Township trustees' annual financial reports to county superintendent, showing date of report, name of township, amount of receipts and disbursements of each fund, and balance on hand. Arr. by dates of reports. Hdw. 10 x 15 x 23. Supt. off.

¹⁵ Acts 1899; Burns 28-704; Baldwin 5938.

¹⁶ Acts 1873, 1877; Burns 28-801; Baldwin 5983.

¹⁷ Acts 1923; Burns 28-4217; Baldwin 5928.

341. ANNUAL TEACHERS' REPORTS, 1933-. 2 file drawers, 2 bdls.

Teachers' annual reports to superintendent, showing date of report; number of pupils; name, age, grade, progress, and intelligence rating of pupils; subjects taught; list of equipment in use and needed; district number; and name of township. Arr. by dates of reports. Hdw. File drawers, 6 x 24 x 30; bdls., 8 x 14 x 5. Supt. off.

ENUMERATIONS

342. ENUMERATION FIELD BOOK, 1929-30. 14 vols.

Record of children between ages of six and twenty-one, showing date of enumeration; name, age, residence, birthplace, and sex of child; names of parents or guardian; numbers of school and congressional township districts. Arr. by dates of enumerations. Hdw. 50 pp. 9 x 6 x ½. Supt. off.

343. ENUMERATIONS, 1924-. 3 file drawers.

Enumeration sheets of children between ages of six and twenty-one, showing date of enumeration; name, age, color, sex, and date and place of birth of child; and names of parents or guardian. Arr. by dates of enumerations. Hdw. 10 x 15 x 25. Supt. off.

TEACHERS

344. LICENSES, 1924-. 1 file drawer.

Applications for teachers' positions, showing name, qualifications, and experience of applicant; record of license; and decision of school board. Arr. by names of applicants. Hdw. and typed. 6 x 17 x 25. Supt. off.

INVENTORIES

345. SUCCESS SCHEDULE, 1925-. 1 box.

Papers pertaining to teachers' success grades based upon teaching and disciplinary ability and professional and community interest, showing names of school and teacher, date of schedule, qualification, rating, and number and date of license. Arr. alph. by names of teachers. Hdw. 10 x 10 x 23. Supt. off.

346. TEACHERS' INSTITUTE MEETINGS, 1886-88. 1 vol.

Record of daily attendance, proceedings of teachers' institutes, and annual financial reports, showing date of meeting, names of teachers attending, subjects discussed, and itemized

statement of institutes' finances. Arr. by dates of meetings. Hdw. 96 pp. 9 x 7 x 1/2. Supt. off.

347. COUNTY INSTITUTE ENROLLMENT, 1927-. 3 bdls.

List of teachers enrolled in county institute, showing date of enrollment, name and address of teacher, grade and high school subjects taught, name of township, and amount of membership fee. Arr. by names of townships. Typed. 8 x 11 x 3. Supt. off.

348. RECORD OF TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS, 1889-1923. 4 vols.

Title varies: 1889-96, Examination Record.

Record of teachers' examinations to secure licenses to teach, showing date of examination; type of license; name, age, and address of teacher; date and duration of previous and current license; grade earned; number of months taught; and number of days' attendance at teachers' institutes. Arr. by types of licenses, thereunder alph. by names of teachers. Hdw. 375 pp. 16 x 10 x 1 1/2. Supt. off.

PUPILS

349. RECORD OF COMMON AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, 1912-.

2 vols., 1 file drawer.

Record of pupils graduating from grade and high schools, showing date of graduation; name, age, birthplace, and address of graduate; subjects taken; average grade attained; and names of township, school, teacher, trustee, and superintendent. Arr. alph. by names of graduates. 1912-32, hdw.; 1933-, typed. Vols., 225 pp. 16 x 12 x 1 1/2; file drawer, 6 x 8 x 24. Supt. off.

XXII. HEALTH OFFICER

The health officer of Greene County is appointed by the board of commissioners for a four-year term, under the authority of an act of 1935, effective January 1, 1938. He must be a regularly licensed physician, suitably trained in sanitary science and hygiene, with qualifications satisfactory to the state board of health. Should the state board of health fail to approve the nomination of the person recommended, the board of commissioners must make another nomination at once.¹ The health officer must give bond in the amount that the board of commissioners determines.²

¹ Acts 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 35-118; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 8404-1.

² Acts 1891, 1909; Burns 35-108; Baldwin 8402.

From 1881 to 1909, the board of commissioners constituted ex officio the county board of health and elected annually a secretary, who was a physician and served as health officer.³ An act of 1891 enlarged the duties of the board and its secretary was its executive officer.⁴ In 1909, the board of health was abolished and the office of health commissioner was established, which continued until superseded by the health officer in 1938. The board of commissioners elected as health commissioner a licensed physician.⁵

The health officer devotes his entire time to protecting and supervising the general health and sanitation of the county outside of incorporated cities.⁶ He enforces the health laws of the state and the rules and regulations of the state board of health,⁷ oversees inspection of food and drugs,⁸ condemns buildings unfit for human habitation,⁹ and issues burial permits.¹⁰ He makes inspections of all public buildings and institutions and of private property; investigates the presence, source, and cause of disease, and establishes quarantine; if necessary, closes schools and churches and forbids public gatherings in order to prevent epidemics; and protects the public health in all reasonable and necessary ways. He makes monthly reports of his work to the state board of health.¹¹

The health officer collects, records, and reports the vital statistics of the county, and keeps full and permanent records of the public health work and of his reports.¹²

350. [COUNTY HEALTH COMMISSIONER'S MINUTES], 1909-. 2 vols. Minutes of activities of health officer used to prepare reports to state health board, showing date and kind of service, name of community or person served, and results attained. Arr. by dates of service. Hdw. 175 pp. 14 x 10 x 1. 1 vol., 1909-31, C. C., recr. rec. rm.; 1 vol., 1932-, residence of Dr. C. M. Porter, Jasonville.

³ Rev. Stat. 1881, sec. 4993.

⁴ Acts 1891, ch. 15, sec. 8.

⁵ Acts 1909, ch. 144, secs. 4, 6.

⁶ Acts 1935; Burns, 1938 suppl., 35-122, 35-124; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 8404-5, 8404-7.

⁷ Acts 1891, 1909; Burns 35-111; Baldwin 8405.

⁸ Acts 1907; Burns 35-1207; Baldwin 8476.

⁹ Acts 1917; Burns 35-1801; Baldwin 8563.

¹⁰ Acts 1907, 1913; Burns 35-115; Baldwin 8398.

¹¹ Acts 1891, 1909; Burns 35-111; Baldwin 8405.

¹² *Ibid.*

VITAL STATISTICS

351. RECORD OF BIRTHS, 1885-88, 1891-. 17 vols.

Record of births in county outside of incorporated towns and cities, showing date and place of birth; name, sex, and color of child; name, age, residence, occupation, and nationality of parents; and name of attending physician or accoucher. Indexed alph. by names of parents. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Hlth. offr. off., residence of Dr. C. W. Porter, Jasonville.

352. RECORD OF MARRIAGES, 1882-93, 1907-. 12 vols.

Record of returns of marriages reported by clerk to health officer, showing dates of marriage and return; names, ages, and residences of bride and groom; and names of parents and person officiating. Indexed alph. by names of brides and grooms. Hdw. Condition fair. 400 pp. 7 x 11 x 2. 1 vol., 1882-93, C. C., stor. rm., 3d floor; 10 vols., 1907-34, C. C., recr. rec. rm.; 1 vol., 1935-, hlth. offr. off., residence of Dr. C. M. Porter, Jasonville.

For other marriage records, see entries 31-34.

353. RECORD OF DANGEROUS AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 1882-95, 1900-. 6 vols.

Record of contagious and infectious diseases, showing name, age, residence, sex, race, and family history of patient; dates of report and quarantine; and names of physician and disease. Indexed alph. by names of patients. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. 1 vol., 1882, C. C., stor. rm., 3d floor; 3 vols., 1883-95, 1922-33, C. C., recr. rec. rm.; 2 vols., 1900-1921, 1934-, hlth. offr. off., residence of Dr. C. M. Porter, Jasonville.

354. RECORD OF DEATHS, 1882-. 10 vols.

Record of death returns, showing date of return; name, age, race, sex, and address of deceased; place, date, and cause of death; names of parents; and reports of attending physician and undertaker. Indexed alph. by names of deceased. Hdw. 486 pp. 17 x 12 x 2½. 1 vol., 1882-96, C. C., stor. rm., 3d floor; 7 vols., 1905-37, C. C., recr. rec. rm.; 2 vols., 1893-1904, 1938-, health offr. off., residence of Dr. C. M. Porter, Jasonville.

XXIII. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The department of public welfare of Greene County, created by the general assembly in 1936, is administered by a board of public welfare and a director of public welfare.¹ The department may sue or be sued in its own name.²

Previous to the creation of the department of public welfare, an old-age pension system was administered by the board of commissioners, under an act of 1933,³ and child welfare, by the board of children's guardians, under an act of 1901.⁴ These duties, together with the right of advisory inspection of public institutions formerly belonging to the board of charities and corrections, under an act of 1899,⁵ were consolidated in the new department.⁶

The board of public welfare of Greene County consists of five persons having a recognized interest in and knowledge of the problems of public welfare, who have been residents of the county for two years prior to appointment. The members are appointed by the judge of the circuit court; at least two must be women and not more than three may be adherents of any one political party. The terms of the first appointees are: One for one year, two for two years, and two for four years; and thereafter the terms are four years. The board holds a regular meeting once a month, the August meeting to be known as the annual meeting, and it may hold other meetings pursuant to call.⁷ It receives and administers gifts and bequests of personal property and income from real estate for the benefit of children under its supervision or of any home or institution caring for neglected or dependent children under its supervision; invests any funds so received by it, such investments being kept in a special fund and not commingled with funds received from taxation;⁸ and adopts an

¹ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1938 suppl., 52-1117; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-18. Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.), 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 52-1119, 52-1126; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-20, 14078-27.

² Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1938 suppl., 52-1122; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-23.

³ Acts 1933, ch. 36, sec. 2.

⁴ Acts 1901, ch. 173, secs. 1, 2, 5.

⁵ Acts 1899, ch. 34, secs. 1, 3.

⁶ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.), 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 52-1121; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-22. Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1938 srpl., 52-1410; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-122.

⁷ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.), 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 52-1118; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-19.

⁸ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1938 suppl., 52-1122; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-23.

annual budget for the department for consideration by the county council.⁹

The director of public welfare of Greene County is appointed by the county board of public welfare. He is the executive and administrative officer of the department and serves as secretary of the board. He must give bond not to exceed five thousand dollars, approved by the judge of the circuit court and filed in the office of the clerk.¹⁰ He appoints, with the approval of the board, all assistants in the department from eligible lists established by the state department and fixes their salaries.¹¹ As executive officer of the department, he exercises all the rights, powers, and duties conferred by law on the department under the rules, regulations, and orders of the state and county boards,¹² and compiles the annual budget for submission to the board.¹³ He performs the functions of probation officer or agent of the court in welfare matters under the supervision of any court having jurisdiction.¹⁴

The department of public welfare is charged with the administration of assistance to dependent children in their own homes; old-age assistance; services and assistance to persons otherwise handicapped; the care and treatment of dependent, neglected, and handicapped children; children in danger of becoming delinquent; and such other welfare activities as are delegated to it by the state department including services connected with assistance to the blind. The department makes reports to the state department as directed by the latter.¹⁵ The department also administers provisions and benefits of the Federal "Social Security Act" of August 14, 1935.¹⁶

All expenditures for assistance and administration of the department are paid from the county welfare fund raised by a separate tax levy,¹⁷ to which are added such repayments as may be made under legal liability by recipients, their parents,

⁹ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1938 suppl., 52-1302; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-99.

¹⁰ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.), 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 52-1119; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-20.

¹¹ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.), 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 52-1123; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-24.

¹² Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.), 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 52-1126; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-27.

¹³ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1938 suppl., 52-1302; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-99.

¹⁴ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1938 suppl., 52-1120; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-21.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*

¹⁶ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1938 suppl., 52-1113; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-14.

¹⁷ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1938 suppl., 52-1301; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-98.

children, or other persons liable for their support.¹⁸ Old-age assistance award certificates, filed with the recorder, establish liens against estates of recipients to insure reimbursement.¹⁹ The county receives reimbursement of certain proportions of its expenditures from the state, and a part of any Federal funds granted to the state,²⁰ to be paid into the county welfare fund. All claims for administrative expenses are subject to allowance by the board of commissioners. Claims for assistance are not so subject but are determined by the department and approved by the director.²¹

The auditor keeps the records relating to the county welfare fund and other financial transactions.²² The department keeps such records and accounts relating to assistance as the state department prescribes.²³ All records, except applications for assistance, awards, and modification and revocation of awards, are confidential.²⁴

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD

355. MINUTES OF THE BOARD, 1936-. 1 vol.

Minutes of meetings of board of public welfare, showing date of meeting, names of members present, business transacted, and action taken. Arr. by dates of meetings. Typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Pub. welf. off.

356. RECOMMENDATION OF COUNTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WELFARE, 1936-. 1 vol.

Record of recommendations of county director and action of county board of public welfare as to rejections, awards, changes, modifications, revocations, or cancelations of assistance, showing recommendation, sheet, code, and application numbers; name of applicant; number of certificate of award; and date of recommendation. Arr. by dates of recommendations. Typed. 120 pp. 10 x 15 x 1½. Pub. welf. off.

¹⁸ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1938 suppl., 52-1263; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-94.

¹⁹ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1938 suppl., 52-1207; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-38.

²⁰ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1938 suppl., 52-1219, 52-1254; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-50, 14078-80, 14078-85. Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.), 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 52-1124a; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-24a.

²¹ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1938 suppl., 52-1124; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-25.

²² Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1938 suppl., 52-1401; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-113.

²³ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1938 suppl., 52-1260; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-91.

²⁴ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1938 suppl., 52-1262; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-93.

OLD-AGE ASSISTANCE

(See also entries 98, 269)

357. BLIND, DEPENDENT CHILDREN, AND OLD-AGE ASSISTANCE, 1936-. 1 vol.

Record of applications for assistance to blind, dependent minors, and aged persons, showing dates of application, investigation, and award or rejection; amount of grant; date effective; application code and serial and certificate of award numbers; and name, address, and personal history of applicant. Arr. by serial nos. Hdw. 400 pp. 12 x 18 x 2. Pub. welf. off.

358. OLD-AGE PENSION RECORD, 1933-36. 1 vol.

Record of applications for old-age pensions, showing date of application; name, age, and financial status of applicant; and action taken by commissioners. Arr. alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 600 pp. 19 x 12 x 3. Aud. pvt. off.

359. OLD-AGE PENSION GRANTED, 1933-36. 2 file boxes.

Original old-age pension applications approved, showing date and number of application, dates of approval and award; name of applicant, certificate number, and amount awarded. Arr. by application nos. 8 x 5 x 10. Aud. pvt. off.

360. ALLOWANCE SCHEDULE FOR OLD-AGE ASSISTANCE, 1936-. 1 vol.

Monthly schedule of allowances for old-age assistance and auditor's and county welfare director's certifications to state department of public welfare, showing date of schedule; number and amount of warrant; name of payee; code number; and total payments for month. Arr. by dates of schedules. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 1½. Pub. welf. off.

361. RECORD OF ASSISTANCE GIVEN AGED PERSONS, 1936-. 1 vol.

Record of awards granted and payments made to individuals for old-age assistance, showing application code and serial numbers; name and address of recipient; amount of monthly award; name and address of guardian or responsible person; and dates, warrant numbers, and amounts of monthly payments. Arr. by serial nos. Typed. 700 pp. 9 x 16 x 3. Pub. welf. off.

362. OLD-AGE ASSISTANCE, 1936-. 3 file boxes.

Certificates of award given aged persons, showing name, age, and address of recipient; date and number of application; date and amount of award; and certificate and serial numbers. Arr. alph. by names of recipients. Hdw. 10 x 12 x 20. Pub. welf. off.

DEPENDENT CHILDREN ASSISTANCE

(See also entry 357)

363. RECORD OF ASSISTANCE GIVEN DEPENDENT CHILDREN, 1936-.
1 vol.

Record of allowances paid for support of dependent children, showing application code and serial numbers; name and address of parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis; names and birthdates of children; number eligible for federal aid; amount of award; and date, number, and amount of warrant for each payment. Arr. by code nos. Typed. 200 pp. 9 x 15 x 1½. Pub. welf. off.

364. DEPENDENT CHILDREN AID, 1936-. 1 file box.

Certificates of award for support of dependent children, showing dates of application and certificate; amount awarded; names, ages, and addresses of children; and name of applicant. Arr. alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 10 x 12 x 20. Pub. welf. off.

365. CHILDREN'S GUARDIAN BOARD, 1926-30. 1 vol.

Minutes of meetings of board of children's guardians in relation to wards, showing date of meeting, names of members present, nature of business transacted, and action taken. Arr. by dates of meetings. Hdw. 150 pp. 18 x 13 x 1½. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

BLIND ASSISTANCE

(See also entry 357)

366. BLIND ASSISTANCE, 1936-. 1 file box.

Certificates of award granted blind persons, showing dates of application and certificate; application code and serial and certificate of award numbers; name, age, and address of applicant; and amount of award. Arr. alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 10 x 5 x 14. Pub. welf. off.

CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS

367. REGISTER OF CLAIMS FILED AND WARRANTS ISSUED, 1936-.
1 vol.

Monthly reports of all claims filed and approved and warrants issued, showing dates of report and warrant; appropriation, code, claim, account, and warrant numbers; names of payee, appropriation, and account; amount of warrant; and total amount of claim paid. Arr. by dates of reports. Hdw. 150 pp. 16 x 10 x 1½. Pub. welf. off.

368. CERTIFICATE OF CLAIM REGISTER, 1936-. 1 vol.

Copies of monthly certifications of claims on county claim register submitted by county welfare director to state department of public welfare, showing date of certification and total amount of claims. Arr. by dates of certifications. Hdw. 170 pp. 14 x 10 x 1½. Pub. welf. off.

369. [RECEIPTS], 1936-. 1 vol.

Carbon copies of receipts issued for reimbursement of amounts previously paid by county welfare department for assistance granted, showing date, number, and amount of receipt; names and addresses of payer and recipient; and amounts and nature of previous assistance. Arr. by receipt nos. Typed. 30 pp. 10 x 14 x 1. Pub. welf. off.

XXIV. SURVEYOR

The surveyor is a constitutional officer, elected for a two-year term, without restriction on re-election. The office of surveyor is established in Greene County under the Constitution of 1851 and the Revised Statutes of 1852.¹ He must give bond in an amount fixed by the board of commissioners of not less than five thousand dollars.²

Prior to the Constitution of 1851, the surveyor was a statutory officer. On January 5, 1821, the date on which the act of organization for Greene County was approved, the governor of the state appointed a surveyor,³ by authority of an act of 1818.⁴ After 1831, the surveyor was appointed by the board of commissioners.⁵

The surveyor has charge, under the direction of the board of commissioners, of all surveying and civil engineering work of the county, including the preparation of plans and specifications for and the supervision and construction of all bridges, turnpikes, roads, and levees.⁶ He supervises the construction and maintenance of all ditches.⁷

¹ Const., art. 6, sec. 2. 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3301; Baldwin 5504.

² Acts 1913; Burns 49-3302; Baldwin 5505.

³ Record Book A [Executive Proceedings under the Government of the State of Indiana], January 5, 1821.

⁴ Acts 1817-18 (general), ch. 30, sec. 1.

⁵ Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 102, sec. 1. Commissioners' Record, B:2.

⁶ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1911; Burns 49-3309; Baldwin 5508. Acts 1933; Burns 36-1101; Baldwin 8699.

⁷ Acts 1933; Burns 27-101; Baldwin 5737.

For private parties, the surveyor takes acknowledgments of mortgages and deeds for the conveyance of real estate,⁸ and, upon request, makes surveys, and establishes lines and corners of lands.⁹

The surveyor is required to preserve a copy of the original field notes of the surveys of the townships in his county¹⁰ and a record of all surveys made by him.¹¹

The records are located in the courthouse.

SURVEYS

370. RECORD OF SURVEYS, 1834-. 3 vols. Title varies: Surveyor's Records.

Record of all surveys made by surveyor, showing dates of survey and recording; drawings of township, ranges and sections; location of cornerstones; and names of witnesses. Arr. by dates of surveys. Hdw. 200 pp. 12 x 8 x 1. Surv. off.

371. FIELD NOTES, 1811-. 152 vols.

Record of field notes taken while making surveys, showing date and location of survey, bench marks, and cornerstones. Arr. by dates of surveys. Hdw. 50 pp. 7 x 5 x ½. Surv. off.

372. SURVEYOR'S FIELD-NOTES, 1834-89. 3 vols. (1, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of legal surveys in Greene County, showing date, name, location and description of survey; township, range, and section numbers; and name of surveyor. Arr. by twp., range, and section nos. Hdw. Condition poor. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 1. 1 vol., 1834-52, recr. off.; 2 vols., 1848-89, surv. off.

373. [BEECHWOOD SURVEY], 1883. 1 vol.

Record of survey of Beechwood addition to town of Bloomfield, showing description and location of addition, streets, and number and size of lots. Hdw. Condition poor. 75 pp. 12 x 8 x 1. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

DRAINAGE RECORDS

(See also entry 124)

374. DITCH RECORD, 1882-. 6 vols.

Record of petitions and assessments for repair of ditches,

⁸ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1857; Burns 49-3317; Baldwin 5519.

⁹ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1875; Burns 49-3311; Baldwin 5509.

¹⁰ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1911; Burns 49-3309; Baldwin 5508.

¹¹ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1875; Burns 49-3311; Baldwin 5509.

showing dates of petition, assessment, and notice; names of land owners and ditches; location and description of property; and amount assessed by surveyor for repairs. Indexed alph. by names of ditches. Hdw. 235 pp. 16 x 11 x 1. Surv. off.

375. DITCH AND DRAINAGE RECORD, 1903-35. 1 vol. (3).

Record of petitions presented and assessments for ditch and drainage construction, showing date of petition, names of ditch and owners of land benefitted, and location and description of property and ditch, and decision. Indexed alph. by names of ditches. Hdw. 450 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½. Surv. off.

376. DRAINAGE COMMISSIONERS' CLEANOUT RECORD, 1920-21. 1 vol.

Drainage commissioners' record of reports on cleaning and repair of ditches and drains and assessments against property benefitted, showing date of report, names of property owner and ditch, location and description of real estate, and amount assessed. Indexed alph. by names of ditches. Hdw. 504 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½. Surv. off.

377. DITCHES, not dated. 8 blueprints.

Layouts of drainage systems, showing plats, profiles, and sectional views of drainage ditches, and location and type of ditch. Blueprint. No scale given. Size varies. Surv. off.

ROADS

378. RECORD OF ROAD DISTRICTS, 1849-52. 1 vol.

Record of road districts in various townships, showing names of township and road, number of district, and plat drawing of each district. Arr. by names of twps. Hdw. 65 pp. 12 x 8 x ½. Stor. rm., 3d floor.

MAPS AND PLATS

379. ATLAS OF GREENE COUNTY, INDIANA, 1879. 1 vol.

Plat maps of townships and towns, showing sections, ranges, congressional townships, and towns; lands and lots; and county highways, railroads, rivers, and creeks. Published at Philadelphia by D. J. Lake and Co. Printed. Scale varies. 22 pp. 14 x 16 x 3. Surv. off.

380. GREENE COUNTY, INDIANA, not dated. 1 map.

Political and communications map, showing cities, towns, streams, rivers, highways, railroads, and divisions of farm and city property. No scale given. 53 x 32. Surv. off.

381. HIGHWAY MAP OF GREENE COUNTY, not dated. 2 maps. Communication maps, showing names, location, and types of roads in Greene County. Black and white. No scale given. 53 x 34. Surv. off.

382. IMPROVED ROADS OF GREENE COUNTY, CONSTRUCTION DETAILS, 1916-. 86 drawings. Plans and specifications of roads, showing contour, direction, location, and type of improved roads; and descriptions and locations of bridge crossings. Blueprint. No scale given. Sizes vary. Surv. off.

383. PLANS AND PROFILES OF PROPOSED U. S. WORKS PROGRAM HIGHWAYS, 1935-. 4 maps. Plans and specifications for proposed U. S. highway programs, showing names, directions, locations, contours, and profiles of roads to be constructed or improved. Blueprint. Scale: 1" to 3000'. 33 x 21. Surv. off.

384. RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR MONON AND ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROADS, not dated. 18 maps. Communication maps of physical characteristics of rights-of-way of Monon and Illinois Central railroads, showing right-of-way through townships, including rivers and creeks crossed and locations of stations and switches. Blueprint. No scale given. 54 x 23. Surv. off.

385. DRAINAGE MAP OF GREENE COUNTY, 1925. 1 map. Political, communication, and drainage map of Greene County, showing names and boundaries of townships; and names and locations of drainage ditches, highways, railroads, rivers, creeks, towns, and cities. Blueprint. Scale: 1" to 1 mi. 36 x 26. Surv. off.

386. MAP OF INDIANA COAL FIELDS, 1912. 1 map. Economic map of southern Indiana coal fields, showing location of fields in Greene, Vermillion, Parke, Vigo, Sullivan, and Knox Counties. Drawn by B. W. Sale, Terre Haute. Black and white. Scale: $\frac{3}{4}$ " to 1 mi. 60 x 30. Surv. off.

387. BLUEPRINTS OF MINES, not dated. 3 blueprints. Blueprints of coal mines in Greene County, showing name, location, description, and dimensions of mine. No scale given. Size varies. Surv. off.

388. BRIDGES OF GREENE COUNTY, 1916-. 245 blueprints. Blueprints, showing dimensions, construction details, names, and locations of county bridges. No scale given. Size varies. Surv. off.

389. PLAT MAPS OF NEWBERRY, MARCO, LINTON, SWITZ CITY, 1912, 1926, 1932. 5 maps.

Plat maps of towns, showing in-lots, out-lots, grants, divisions, owners' names, and assessed value. Drawn by H. T. Schloot and J. W. Padgett, Bloomfield. Printed. Scale: 1" to 100'. Size varies. Surv. off.

390. TOWNSHIPS OF SMITH, STOCKTON, JACKSON, HIGHLAND, not dated. 4 maps.

Political maps, showing plats of each township, section, quarter section, in-lots, and out-lots; and wards, precincts, and farm boundaries. Drawn by H. G. Schloot, Bloomfield. Blueprint. No scale given. Size varies. Surv. off.

391. SWITZ CITY, 1932. 1 map.

Map of Switz City, showing location of streets, alleys, divisions, parks, church edifices, and points of general interest. Drawn by H. G. Schloot. Blueprint. Scale: 1" to 125'. 36 x 25. Surv. off.

XXV. HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR

The highway supervisor of Greene County is appointed by the board of commissioners under the authority of an act of 1933 and serves at the will of the board. The board may appoint the surveyor or any other person to the office.¹ If no separate appointment is made, the surveyor has supervision of the county highways.²

From 1879 to 1913, the board of commissioners was constituted by the general assembly a board of turnpike directors for the management and control of county highways.³ This board was abolished by an act of 1913 and the office of superintendent of highways was created. The superintendent was appointed by the board of commissioners and placed in charge of highways.⁴ This office was abolished in 1933⁵ and the office of highway supervisor authorized.⁶

From March 1933 to the end of 1934, the surveyor, Henry G. Schloot, was highway supervisor by appointment of the

¹ Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110; Baldwin 8708.

² Acts 1933; Burns 36-1101; Baldwin 8699.

³ Acts 1879, ch. 115, sec. 1.

⁴ Acts 1913, ch. 330, secs. 1, 11.

⁵ Acts 1933; Burns 36-1113.

⁶ Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110; Baldwin 8708.

board of commissioners. On January 1, 1935, on the expiration of his term as surveyor, Mr. Schloot was reappointed highway supervisor.⁷

The highway supervisor has general charge of the repair and maintenance of county highways, bridges, and culverts.⁸ He maps all highways, dividing the roads into districts, giving each road a separate name or number, and setting forth the length and character of each road and the kind and volume of traffic for the purpose of uniform maintenance.⁹ He exercises police power in the control of highways and may fix the limit of loads for any highway, bridge, or culvert.¹⁰ He establishes standards for highway maintenance according to topography, condition, character, volume of traffic, the availability of repair materials, drainage, and the financial ability of the county to pay the cost of repairs. He makes a complete itemized estimate of the cost of repair and maintenance of highways, bridges, and culverts for the annual budget.¹¹

The records of the highway supervisor consist of maps of the highway system made by him,¹² reports of work in progress,¹³ monthly reports to the board of commissioners of all work done, and an annual report of his work, with a complete statement of all expenditures under his supervision.¹⁴

The records are located in the courthouse.

392. COMPLETE ROAD RECORD, 1926-. 1 vol.

Record of improved and unimproved roads in Greene County, showing name, number, location, and description of improved roads; date of completion; type of road; name of township; nature and amount of material used; name of contractor; and number and location of unimproved roads. Arr. by twps., thereunder by road nos. 600 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. High. sup. off.

⁷ Acts 1933; Burns 36-1101, 36-1102, 36-1110; Baldwin 8699, 8700, 8708. Letter from Eskel Beasley, Auditor, Greene County, under date of November 14, 1938. Interview with Henry G. Schloot, Highway Supervisor, Greene County, November 28, 1938.

⁸ Acts 1933; Burns 36-1101, 36-1102, 36-1110; Baldwin 8699, 8700, 8708.

⁹ Acts 1933; Burns 36-1109, 36-1110; Baldwin 8707, 8708.

¹⁰ Acts 1933; Burns 36-1102, 36-1110; Baldwin 8700, 8708.

¹¹ Acts 1933; Burns 36-1103, 36-1110; Baldwin 8701, 8708.

¹² Acts 1933; Burns 36-1109, 36-1110; Baldwin 8707, 8708.

¹³ Acts 1933; Burns 36-1106, 36-1110; Baldwin 8704, 8708.

¹⁴ Acts 1933; Burns 36-1104, 36-1110; Baldwin 8702, 8708.

393. HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S LEDGER OF EXPENDITURES, 1914-.

11 vols. (1,2, 4-10, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of expenditures for highway construction and repairs, showing date and number of report, names of vendors and employees, amount and kind of material and labor, mileage, and nature of repairs made. Arr. by dates of reports. Hdw. 677 pp. 17 x 15 x 2½. Surv. off.

394. [ROAD COST RECORD], 1937-. 1 file drawer.

Papers pertaining to cost of construction and maintenance of county highways, showing name, location and description of road; name of township; road number; kind and cost of labor and material; and total cost. Arr. by twps., thereunder by road nos. Hdw. 10 x 15 x 23. High. sup. off.

395. EQUIPMENT RECORD INVENTORY, 1934-. 1 file drawer.

Annual inventory of all tools and road equipment on hand at close of year, showing name of township, date of report, amount of tools and equipment on hand at beginning and end of year, and amount purchased, lost, or transferred. Arr. alph. by names of twps. Hdw. 9 x 16 x 18. High. sup. off.

396. BILLS AND INVOICES, 1934-. 1 file drawer.

Invoices of all material purchased by county for highway department, showing date of invoice, price and description of material, amount of credits received, and names of projects to which allotted. Arr. by dates of invoices. Hdw. 12 x 23 x 24. High. sup. off.

397. GRAVEL AND STONE TICKETS, 1935-. 1 file box.

Invoices for material used on county roads, showing date of invoice, names of project, township, and vendor, kind and quantity of material, and price. Arr. alph. by twps., thereunder by dates of invoices. Hdw. 9 x 6 x 18. High. supt. off.

398. GAS AND OIL TICKETS, 1935-. 1 file box.

Invoices for gas and oil for highway equipment, showing dates of purchase and delivery; names of township, vendor, and department; amount and kind of fuel; and amount of cost. Arr. by twps., thereunder by dates of purchases. Hdw. 9 x 6 x 18. High. sup. off.

399. TOWNSHIP MONTHLY REQUISITIONS, 1935-. 1 file box.

Copies of monthly requisitions issued by highway supervisor to auditor for bids on equipment and material needed on county highways, showing date and number of requisition, itemized list and description of supplies, and date needed. Arr. by dates of requisitions. Hdw. 9 x 6 x 18. High. sup. off.

400. HIGHWAY MAP OF GREENE COUNTY, INDIANA, 1926—. 1 map. Communication map of Greene County, showing name, location, and type of road. Drawn by H. A. Schloot, Bloomfield. Blue-print. No scale given. 54 x 44. High. sup. off.

XXVI. MINERS' EXAMINATION BOARD

The miners' examination board of Greene County, established by an act of 1911 and continued by an act of 1923, consists of three members, appointed annually by the board of commissioners: Two resident coal miners with at least five years' practical experience in mining coal, who at the time of appointment are engaged as coal miners in the county, and one resident coal operator of the county.¹ The board elects its officers—president, secretary, and treasurer—from its own membership; the same member may serve as secretary and treasurer. The treasurer must post a bond of five hundred dollars, approved by the board of commissioners and filed with the auditor.²

In 1905, the state inspector of mines was empowered to issue certificates of competency to persons serving as mine bosses, fire bosses, or hoisting engineers.³ In 1911, the business of mining coal was declared a dangerous occupation, and a miners' examining board for all miners was created in counties of the coal-mine area of the state.⁴ In 1923, the provisions of the earlier act were embodied in an act "concerning coal mines", thus continuing the board without change in composition and duties under the name of the miners' examination board.⁵

This board exists only in counties in which is located at least one coal mine employing ten or more miners.⁶ (Men working in mines employing less than ten miners need not obtain certificates.⁷) The board was first instituted in Greene County on May 3, 1911, and has been in operation continuously since that time.⁸

¹ Acts 1911, ch. 276, sec. 1. Acts 1923; Burns 46-1001; Baldwin 11073.

² Acts 1923; Burns 46-1002; Baldwin 11073.

³ Acts 1905, ch. 50, sec. 22.

⁴ Acts 1911, ch. 276, sec. 1.

⁵ Acts 1923; Burns 46-1001; Baldwin 11073.

⁶ *Ibid.*

⁷ Acts 1923, 1925; Burns 46-1108; Baldwin 11081.

⁸ Commissioners' Record, Y:433.

The miners' examination board meets regularly on the first Wednesday of each month, in public session, continuing from day to day for not to exceed three days if business requires.⁹

The duties of the board are the public examination of all applicants desiring to work as coal miners, issuance of certificates to such men as pass the examination successfully, and issuance of permits to persons desiring to qualify as miners.¹⁰ In order to work in any coal mine in Indiana, a man must obtain a certificate of competency and qualifications from the miners' examination board of some county in the state or from a similar board in another state, or, in the case of a man learning the trade, a permit to work with a qualified miner as helper.¹¹ Each applicant must have had no less than two years' experience in mine work;¹² he may be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of experience in mining and of sufficient knowledge to be able to understand warnings in regard to dangerous gases and explosives, and he must answer fifteen questions correctly. The examination pertains to practical mining and is nontechnical.¹³ Certificates must be signed by at least two members of the board.¹⁴ Any applicant who is refused a certificate or permit and feels aggrieved, may appeal to the circuit court.¹⁵

The board shares with the chief mine inspector of the state and the prosecuting attorney the duty of investigating and prosecuting all complaints of violations of the law in regard to matters coming under its jurisdiction.¹⁶

The board is required to keep accurate records, containing the names and addresses of all applicants, of the proceedings at all its sessions and the action taken, together with a register of all applicants for permits and certificates. These records are on forms prescribed and prepared by the chief mine inspector of the state, and are open for inspection at all times by persons interested.¹⁷

⁹ Acts 1923; Burns 46-1006; Baldwin 11073.

¹⁰ *Ibid.* Acts 1923, 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 46-1013; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 11074.

¹¹ Acts 1923; Burns 46-1003, 46-1006, 46-1010; Baldwin 11073. Acts 1923, 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 46-1013; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 11074.

¹² Acts 1923; Burns 46-1010; Baldwin 11073.

¹³ Acts 1923; Burns 46-1006; Baldwin 11073.

¹⁴ Acts 1923; Burns 46-1007; Baldwin 11073.

¹⁵ Acts 1923; Burns 46-1008; Baldwin 11073.

¹⁶ Acts 1923; Burns 46-1011; Baldwin 11073.

¹⁷ Acts 1923; Burns 46-1003, 46-1004, 46-1006; Baldwin 11073.

In every case where an applicant is refused a permit or certificate, the board must keep a complete record of the questions asked and answers given, and furnish, free of charge, a copy of such record to any applicant desiring an appeal to any court of competent jurisdiction. The board also reports annually in January to the board of commissioners the names of all applicants, the amount of money received and disbursed, and the names of all persons granted or refused certificates or permits.¹⁸

401. [LIST OF ALL MINERS], 1911-. 1 vol.

Record of all qualified miners in Linton and Jasonville districts of Greene County and qualification permits granted during current year, showing date and number of permit, and name of applicant. Also contains: [Minutes of Meetings of Miners' Examination Board], entry 402. Arr. by permit nos. Hdw. 550 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Miners' examination board off., Duhn Bldg., Linton.

402. [MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF MINERS' EXAMINATION BOARD], 1911-. In [List of All Miners], entry 401.

Record of minutes of meetings of miners' examination board, showing date of meeting, names of members present, nature of business transacted, fees collected, and action taken. Arr. by dates of meetings. Hdw.

403. APPLICATION FOR QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES OF MINERS, 1911-. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of applications for qualified miners' certificates for Linton (1911-) and Jasonville (1919-) districts, showing date and number of application; and name, address, nationality, and practical mining experience of applicant. Arr. by application nos. Hdw. 525 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Miners' examination board off., Duhn Bldg., Linton.

404. APPLICATION FOR QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES OF MINERS, 1911-18. 1 vol.

Record of applications for qualified miners' certificates for Jasonville district, showing date and number of application; name, address, nationality, place of birth, and color of applicant; and years of mining experience. Arr. by application nos. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 3 x 3. Miners' examination board off., Duhn Bldg., Linton.

¹⁸ Acts 1923; Burns 46-1005; Baldwin 11073.

405. APPLICATIONS FOR PERMIT TO WORK WITH A QUALIFIED MINER, 1911-. 2 vols. (1, 2).

Record of applications for permits to work with qualified miners, showing number and date of application, and name, age, address, nationality, and length of residence in Linton or Jasonville. Arr. by application nos. Hdw. 450 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. Miners' examination board off., Duhn Bldg., Linton.

406. MINERS' EXAMINING BOARD, 1919-. 1 file box, 1 file drawer.

Report of miners' examination board to treasurer of fees received for issuing permits and certificates, showing date of receipt, name of payer, and amount of fee. Arr. by dates of receipts. Hdw. File box, 10 X 5 X 14; drawer, 4 X 16 X 24. 1 file box, 1919-23, C. C. stor. rm., 3d floor; 1 file drawer, 1924-, C. C. aud. off.

XXVII. COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

The Greene County Planning Commission, established by an act of 1935, consists of seven members: One member of the board of commissioners, designated by the board; the surveyor; the agricultural agent; and four other members, appointed by the board of commissioners. The terms of the four appointive members are: One for one year, one for two years, one for three years, and one for four years; and thereafter the terms are four years. They shall not hold any other appointive or elective county office or position during their service. The commission elects one member to serve as chairman, and adopts rules and regulations for its conduct.¹

The county planning commission is to promote county planning, and may call upon all public officials, departments, and agencies for available information. After a study of the natural resources, population, and living conditions in Greene County, the commission is to adopt a master plan, as a whole or in parts as the work progresses, for the physical and economic development of the county, and certify the plan to the board of commissioners. The adoption of the plan or any part thereof must be by resolution of the planning commission upon the affirmative vote of no less than five members.²

¹ Acts 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 26-2301; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 5205-1.

² Acts 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 26-2303 to 26-2306; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 5205-3 to 5205-6.

The master plan, with maps, plats, charts, and descriptive matter, shall show the commission's recommendations for the development of the county, including highways, waterways, and parks; aviation fields; drainage and sanitary systems; railroad and motor vehicle routes; public buildings, grounds, and institutions of local concern within the county, which are appropriate subjects of a county as distinguished from a local municipal program or plan; and also a land utilization program, including general classification of land within the county for recreation, industry, urbanization, housing, and other uses.³

After the adoption of the master plan or any part thereof and its certification to the county board of commissioners, no county public improvement—highway, ground, structure, or other property—shall be located, constructed, or acquired with county funds, or for any county department, unless the proposed location and extent thereof have been submitted to the county planning commission. If the department or official in charge of such location, construction, or acquisition does not act in accord with the report or advice of the county planning commission, a statement of the reasons therefor must be filed in the office of the department or official and be open to public inspection.⁴

The commission is to prepare and keep up to date a long-term development program of all major county improvement projects—a comprehensive construction and financial program—covering a ten-year period, in consultation with the several county departments, for the purpose of assisting in stabilizing industry and employment by promoting the planning and timing of public works within the county. The public works program is to be revised annually, extending one year in the future, and an annual report thereon to be submitted to the board of commissioners.⁵

The commission co-operates with the state planning board in making surveys and formulating plans for the conservation, utilization, and development of the resources of the county; with the natural resources board or other agencies of the United States Government and state departments of Indiana and other states, for the same purposes; and with municipal, county, regional, and local planning commissions within the

³ Acts 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 26-2304; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 5205-4.

⁴ Acts 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 26 2307; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 5205-7.

⁵ Acts 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 26-2308; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 5205-8.

state for the purpose of co-ordinating state and local plans.⁶

The commission may, upon request or on its own initiative, furnish advice or reports to any county officer or department on any problem in the field of county planning. It may, furthermore, prepare and submit to the county board of commissioners drafts of ordinances for the purpose of carrying out the master plan or any part thereof—including zoning or land use regulations, the making of official maps and the preservation of their integrity, the procedure for appeals from decisions made under the authority of such ordinances, and regulations for the conservation of the county's natural resources. Such ordinances the board of commissioners is authorized to adopt.⁷

The commission keeps permanent and complete records of its proceedings, meetings, hearings, orders, and decisions.⁸

This commission has been organized and has held several meetings, but to date has no public records.⁹

⁶ Acts 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 26-2303, 26-2309; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 5205-3, 5205-9.

⁷ Acts 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 26-2309; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 5205-9.

⁸ Acts 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 26-2301; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 5205-1.

⁹ Interview with C. C. Hendren, November 28, 1938.

XXVIII. AGRICULTURAL AGENT

The agricultural agent of Greene County is appointed by the director of agricultural extension service of Purdue University, subject to the approval of the state board—entitled county agricultural agent board—under the authority of an act of 1913, as amended in 1937. His qualifications are prescribed by the board, and his salary is paid from a state fund through Purdue University.¹

The office of county agent was created in Greene County November 1, 1914, under the act of the previous year, upon petition by residents of the county, and continued until 1937, when the amendatory act made the office mandatory. This agent, then commonly, as now legally, called agricultural agent was appointed annually by Purdue University, subject to approval of the state and county boards of education. The state paid part of his salary.²

¹ Acts 1913, 1923, 1927, 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 28-4911; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 6457.

² Acts 1913, ch. 24, sec. 12.

The agricultural agent, under the supervision of Purdue University, co-operates with farmers' institutes, farmers' clubs, and other rural and civic organizations; conducts practical farm demonstrations, boys' and girls' clubs and contest work, and other movements for the advancement of agricultural and country life; gives advice to farmers on practical farm problems; and aids the superintendent of schools and the teachers of the county in giving practical education in agriculture and domestic science.³

In order to develop extension programs for the improvement and advancement of agriculture, home economics, and rural life, in harmony with Federal and state laws, the Greene County agricultural agent employs a home demonstration agent, who is also the boys' and girls' 4-H Club agent, and other necessary assistants. They work under his supervision and are paid by funds appropriated by the county council.⁴

The records of the agricultural agent consist of reports of his activities to Purdue University under its direction.

The records are located in the courthouse.

407. [ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT OF COUNTY AGENT], 1918-.
2 file drawers.

Annual narrative reports of activities of county agent, showing date of report and statistics on grain, fruit, and vegetable growing; poultry, cattle, sheep, swine, and horse raising; farm management and marketing of crops; child training; and home management. Arr. by dates of reports. Typed. 10 x 12 x 23. Agr. agt. off.

408. WORK SHEETS [Soil Conservation Program], 1935-.
1 file drawer.

Record of information regarding lands involved in soil conservation program, showing date of report; name of township; name and residence of land owner; location, description, acreage, and utilization of land; and map of farm. Arr. by twps., thereunder by dates of reports. Hdw. 10 x 12 x 23. Agr. agt. off.

409. [SOIL EROSION PROGRAM], 1936-. 6 file boxes.

Applications for payment of contracts and record of compliance and performance in soil erosion program, showing date, number, and terms of contract; name and address of owner; certifi-

³ Acts 1913, 1923, 1927, 1937; Burns, 1938 suppl., 28-4911; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 6457.

⁴ Acts 1931; Burns 28-5627; Baldwin 6475.

cations of inspector, committee, and administrative officers; and result of performance. Arr. by dates of contracts. Typed. 10 x 12 x 23. Agr. agt. off.

410. WHEAT CONTRACTS, 1933-36. 2 file boxes.

Contracts between Federal Government and landowners allotting wheat production and certificates of compliance, showing date, number, and terms of contract; name of landowner or tenant; adjustment of payments; certifications of inspector, committee, and administrative officers; and result of performance. Arr. by dates of contracts. Typed. 10 x 12 x 23. Agr. agt. off.

411. TOBACCO CONTRACTS, 1933-35. 1 file box.

Contracts between Federal Government and landowners allotting acreage for production of tobacco and certificates of compliance, showing date, number, and terms of contract; name of landowner or tenant; adjustment of payments; certifications of inspector, committee, and administrative officers; and result of performance. Arr. by dates of contracts. Typed. 10 x 12 x 23. Agr. agt. off.

412. CORN, HOG LETTER FILES, 1934-35. 9 file boxes.

Contracts between Federal Government and landowners allotting production of hogs and acreage for production of corn, showing date, number, and terms of contract; names of landowner and township; adjustments between production and payments; certifications of inspector, committee, and administrative officers; and result of performance. Arr. by twps. and thereunder by contract nos. Typed. 10 x 12 x 23. Agr. agt. off.

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